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Levine denies he wants withdrawal from Lebanon

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine last night denied reports be advocates a unilateral withdrawal from south Lebanon.

But the revelation of growing discom-fort about the continued IDF presence in the security zone threatens to thrust the army's private assessments into a public debate over its future there, and may signal that a change in Israel's position is

Both Channel 1 and 2 revealed last detailed them in a letter sent to Chief of amiliated to him. night that Levine was the senior officer who told a gathering of brigade com-manders earlier this week that the IDF had no reason to remain in the security

We have to hit Hizbullah with all our might and then we need to get out of Lebanon unilaterally, in stages. That's the best solution to the situation there," the officer was quoted as saving. It also was reported that Levine's

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General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-But at a late-night press conference, Levine denied he made the comments

"I never proposed and do not propose a unilateral withdrawal, nor do I believe that we should hit Hizbullah with only one mighty blow," Levine said. He added that there were numerous debates in the military on tactics and strategy regarding Lebanon and that offi-cers were able to speak their minds.

"There is full freedom of expression for everyone. Of course there are different opinions and we should be proud that people express themselves freely, even if superiors, rather than having 'yes men' taking part," Levine said in Tel Aviv.

He added that there were no simple. solutions to the conflict in Lebanon. He said that the aim remains to provide security for the communities in the North and to protect the soldiers. He also said that he was in favor of limited

strikes instead of large-scale actions. "It is important to develop a policy of punishment against Hizbullah and the Lebanese government," Levine said, but

it contradicts the sentiments of their he ruled out any strikes against Syria, Iran or their people in Lebanon.

Still, the statements attributed to Levine suggest he is in the precarious situation of ordering soldiers to remain and fight in Lebanon, while he himself believes they shouldn't be there.

Calls against the current IDF policy in Lebanon reflect two growing positions being held by an increasing number of

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THE AGENDA By AVINOAPI BAR-YOSEF

The rift with the US

Two issues were on Prime Netanyahu's agenda this week: appointing a successor to Avigdor Lieberman as directorgeneral of the Prime Minister's Office and the second redeployment, which has been an obstacle to resuming negotiations with the Palestinians.

These issues seem unrelated but they are not What they have in common is the rift with the US administration.

On Saturday Netanyahu phoned former ambassador to the US Zalman Shoval and asked him to come to his house for an important midnight meeting. "Let's talk." details of the pending "divorce by mutual consent" with

Licberman. On the way out of their own meeting with the prime minister that night, Judea and Samarie residents noticed Shoval waiting to be led in. It was only the next day, upon hearing of Lieberman's resignation, that they understood the

significance Shoval's presence. If there's one thing which characterizes Netanyahn even more than the ease with which he gets into trouble, it is the speed with which he manages to put each screw-up behind him and look forward. This trait might not sit well with our long-term collective memory, but it usually helps Netznyahn in the short run.

The proposal to replace Lieberman with Shoval is a perfect example of this trait. The last time Netanyahu offered Shoval a job was in May, when be meant to replace Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar in Washington, but the appointment did not go through.

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PM forced to delay pullback vote

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday was forced to put off a cabinet vote on a limited troop pullback in the West Bank to Sunday, at the earliest.

His attempt to link the pullback to a package deal requiring the Palestinian Authority to move from interim to final-status talks generated controversy and dissension in the cabinet.

Six ministers who did not get a chance to speak are slated to present their opinions of Netanyahu's proposal at Sunday's session.

Later, at a meeting of the Likud Knesset faction. Netanyahn presented his party's MKs with his ideas on furthering the process towards final-status talks. He

Sheetrit supports PA state now, Page 2

stressed that the second redeployment would be conditioned on the Palestinians abiding by their commitments and that any further handing over of territory would be part of the permanent arrange-

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said there are legal problems in not going ahead with the third redeployment, Israel Radio reported.

Although the cabinet convened as a ministerial committee on security, there were no maps to pinpoint the additional areas to be handed over to the PA nor was there a precise specification of the percentage of the West Bank territory involved.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh said the pullback was discussed without reference to the Clinton administration's pressure on Netanyahu to enlarge the area from which IDF troops would withdraw and thereby assure Palestinian acceptance of the proposal.

Netanyahn's bureau announced after the meeting that the prime minister discussed the cabinet's decision-making process with US Secretary of State Madeleine

Sources believe Netanyahn would relinquish six percent to 8% of the West Bank, thereby giving the PA control over at least 35% of the area between the Green Line and the Jordan River.

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon gave his cabinet colleagues a blust assessment of the process under way since the inception of the Oslo Accords three years ago.

"Despite the fact that Israel does not want it, a Palestinian state is coming into existence," he said.

Sharon proposed two steps designed to reduce this "danger": designating security zones and strategic assets that must remain under Israeli control; and warning the PA that if a Palestinian state is declared, Israel would immediately annex all the territory on which settlements are situated, as well as

their access roads. The West Bank's security zones and military bases also would become part and parcel of the State of Israel, under Sharon's

Netanyahu took a dim view of Sharon's assessment, arguing that the establishment of a Palestinian state is neither contemplated nor

under discussion. According to Israel Radio, Sharon's three-page plan calls for the amexation of 13 roads near Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron. The roads would be designated as "bypass routes" for Israeli settlers. Sharon also reportedly called for 1,000 more homes for Jews in the 6.500-unit Har Homa

project in southeastern Jerusalem. Communications Minister Limor Livnat contended that the cabinet was actually considering a new approach to the peace process that was tantamount to "bypassing

"It is impossible to implement the third redeployment and only afterwards discuss a final settlement," she said. "First of all, it is necessary to define Israel's vital interests." Everything hinges, she said, on the Palestinians fulfilling their commitments.

Netanyahu's adviser, Uzi Arad, went to Cairo for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's top adviser, Osama el-



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (left), Third Way MK Yehuda Harel (center) and Likud MK Gideon Ezra study a map following yesterday's cabinet meeting on redeployment.

Clinton, Netanyahu meeting in the works

By HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

vesterday a meeting between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahn is in the works. Press secretary Michael McCurry told reporters no conclusions should be drawn from the two having not met when Netanyahu visited the US earlier this

"They're attempting to work out a meeting, and we expect that to be done soon,".

McCurry said. "We've made a decision to WASHINGTON - The White House said out timing. I expect that one will be

arranged soon." rranged soon."

The Israeli Embassy had stated Tuesday that on the instructions of Netanyahn's office it had stopped pursuing a meeting, preferring to wait until the White House determined which dates were workable.

Netanyahn yesterday criticized as "unbecoming" Clinton's refusal to meet with him during his recent US trip and suggested he

"My own view is that leaders should avoid these kinds of tactics," be said in an interview with Cable News Network. "It's unbecoming, it doesn't befit nations who are allies, and even doesn't befit. nations who are not allies.

"I believe that the United States will probably agree with me if they thought about it," he added.

"I think such meetings should be [in] the interest of both leaders It's certainly not something that Israel has to pay for," Netanyahu said in the interview.

Milo set to launch new centrist party

Eitan: PM trying to remove me from probe

By SARAH HONIG

The Likud demons briefly reappeared yesterday to baunt Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, when angry Science Minister Michael Eitan accused him of being behind moves to oust him from the party inquiry committee appointed to examine

the recent convention. Netanyahu hotly denled the assertion at the tail end of yesterday's Likud Knesset faction session, but Eitan said he doesn't buy the denial. The Likud inquiry is slated to get under way today.



move by central committee kingpin Yitzhak Regev, who appealed to the party court to review the composition of the probe team, headed by the court's chairwoman, retired Tel Aviv District Court president Hanna Evenor. The court will rale on the

Regev petition Sunday. Regev noted that the other committee members - Eitan, MK Reuven Rivlin, Hod Hasharon Mayor Ezra Binyamini and for-mer Rishon Lezion mayor Hananye Gibstein - are not pro-

fessional judges.
Regev reminded the court that the party constitution clearly specifies that such party probes are to be conducted only by pro-fessional judges from outside the party. The probe team, nominated by Netanyahu, hardly meets this specification, Regev charged. His additional point was that

It all started yesterday with a Eitan from the committee since "he had previously expressed extremely sharp-worded opinions calling vociferously for the ouster of Avigdor Lieberman from the office of director-general of the Prime Minister's Office."

Lieberman had since resigned on his own, but Regev said that considering Eitan's pronouncements, he "has no husiness serving on a probe team when be had already reached a one-sided conclusion before any inquiry had gotten under way."

Regev cited the precedent of former Mossad chief Nahum

Admoni, who was removed from the committee investigating the Mashaal Affair because he had expressed his views in a radio

Eitan yesterday charged that the man who sent Regev to file his petition to the party court was even if the party court rejects his none other than Moshe Leon, petition, it should at least remove currently Netanyahu's bureau

chief, and reportedly a candidate to succeed him.

Netanyahu replied by stating his disbelief and bad Leon summoned immediately. The Jerusalem Post was told by two witnesses to the exchange between the prime minister and Eitan that Netanyahu then exclaimed: "This is utter slander." You know that no one would send anyone to do anything of the sort. I personally included your name as part of the team." But when Leon showed up and tried to have his say, Eitan, refused to listen and said he

doesn't believe him and that

Leon is Lieberman's man. "I am ready to resign from the government if I am wrong," he said. According to Eitan, Leon went to Likud legal adviser Eitan Haberman to ask if he can remain on the inquiry committee in view

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Bassiouny: US fears stalled peace process will aid Islamic extremists

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassicuny believes the US is "pushing hard" to move the Middle East peace process forward, for fear that continued stalemate will play into the hands of religious extremists in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Referring to next month's Islamie conference in Teheran, he warned that lack of progress on the Israeli-Palestinian track "will strengthen the antipeace camp" and thereby undermine regional stability.

In an interview with The Jerusalem . Post, the veteran Egyptian envoy contended that American and European interests converge on the need to "shore up the area's stability."

Lucid, articulate and incisive throughout a wide-ranging question-and-answer



Mohammed Bassiouny

by allegations that he had sexu- oppose any Arab country invad-

that," he said.
Instead, he analyzed such Bassiouny seemed oblivious to issues as the continuous con-the adverse publicity prompted from the servers as and the

US, the impact and influence of clandestine terrorist cells in Egypt, the redeployment of Israeli forces in the West Bank and the pivotal role of Syria in his government's quest for a "comprehensive peace" between Israel and all the Arab states. : He saw no basis for a new USled coalition that would encompass Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria and other Arab states, mirroring the alliance against Iraq formed on the eve of the Gulf War in

"It is a different situation now." he said. "At that time, Iraq invaded an Arab country [Kuwait]. We

ally assaulted of a belly dances and another."

A criminal investigation of military force, he went on, evidence.

"I don't want to talk about persuade Iraq that UN resolupersuade Iraq that UN resolutions must be respected.

The full interview with Bassioury will appear in tomornd the _row's paper.

in brief

Explosives thrown at IDF troops in Hebron -

Several explosive devices were thrown at IDF troops in Hebron last night, but caused nn injuries nr damage. The first two devices were thrown at troops stationed near Beit Hadassah and a third at the "truck" market in the city.

The Hebron Jewish community demanded that IDF troops beef up security in the H2 area and prohibit all Palestinians from entering the area. They also demanded more lookout points be erected along the boundary between H1 and H2.

IDF troops also discovered a small weapons cache in Kabanya near Jenin. It contained cartridges and two grenades. Yesterday morning an Egged bus traveling from Jerusalem to Kiryat Arba came under a heavy barrage of stones near El Aroub. No one was injured, the IDF Spokesman said. Margot Dudkevitch

Arafat sends message to Saddam Hussein

PA official Azzam Ahmed brought a message from PA
Chairman Yasser Arafat to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein yesterday, In a meeting with Iraq's foreign minister, Mohammed Saeid
Sakkaf, Ahmed discussed the peace process and the obstacles

Ahmed thanked the Iraqi president for recognizing the

Iraq executed spies recruited by Mossad - report

LONDON - Iraq's counterespionage service has uncovered and executed members of a network of spies who were allegedly recruited by the Mossad in northern Iraq, according to unname Israeli sources quoted by the London-based newsletter Foreign Report. The newsletter, published yesterday, reported that "these agents provided valuable information about the army. Part of the network was uncovered about two months ago and hightech equipment including radios were seized. The rest of the network was discovered recently; those involved were hanged."

The alleged espionage operation started after Mossad agents spotted a member of a leading Iraqi family in Istanbul. According to Foreign Report, there are "at least two other Israeli operations in northern Iraq."

Hunger striker reportedly in critical condition

Palestinian officials said yesterday a Palestinian woman on a hunger strike in an Israeli jail was in critical condition and had rejected a Palestinian Authority demand she end her fast. Yesterday was the 36th day of Itaf Alayan's bunger strike,

aimed at securing ber release.

PA official Hisham Abdel-Razek said he visited Alayan on Tuesday, "She refused a Palestinian Authority demand to end her strike and allow the authority to take up her case," he said. "She said she is either released from the Israeli jail or she continues ber hunger strike until she dies." He described her physical condition as "very critical.

PA releases Subbah

The Palestinian Authority ordered the release of Prof. Fathi Subbah, who was arrested by Gazan Preventive Security officials on July 2. Subbah was arrested after discussing corruption in the PA with his students at the Al-Azhar University in Gaza. His release was requested by PA Anomey-General Faiz Abu Rahme and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat personally intervened in seeking his release. Claims that Subbah was tortured during his internment were upheld by Palestinian Human Rights activist

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of

MYER TODES

The funeral will take place on Friday. November 28, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Kibbutz Yizra'el.

The family and Kibbutz Yizra'el

Margot Dudkevitch and Mohammed Najib



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The Family

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The unveiling of the tombstone of

JOSEPH M. WEISSMAN n''y

of Far Rockaway, New York

will take place on Friday, November 28, 1997 at 10 a.m. at the Sanhedria Cemetery.

The Weissman family

Sheetrit: I'm not scared of PA state

By LIAT COLLINS

Likud whip Meir Sheetrit declared yesterday that he sup-ports the establishment of a Palestinian state while the Likud is

Speaking at a party faction meeting, Sheetrit said: "I think we can reach an agreement with the PLO and the Palestinians. I'm not scared of them and I'm not scared of a Palestinian state.

The most important thing is to initiate a Palestinian state while we're in power. If we [the Likud] initiate it ourselves we'll do it under the best conditions for Israel, preserving our vital interests" he said.

Sheetrit said however he had red

Settlers

lobby

against further

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and SARAH HONIG

Judea and Samaria.

will be endangered.

Maon."

threatened a majority of the

Samarian communities and isolat-

ed settlements such as Karmei

Tsur and Tekoa. The percentage of

land currently being discussed

will isolate communities in the

Hebron area and the surrounding;

mountains, Gush Etzion, and most of the communities in Samana.

Tayar charged that the size of the withdrawal compares with the

area of Greater Tel Aviv. "What will happen to communities that are suddenly surrounded by Area

under total Palestinian con-

The council, she said had

received numerous calls from set-

tlers disturbed by the govern-ment's proposal and were con-

cerned how their community

The government of Israel and the IDF are responsible for the

security of their citizens. How will

they be able to safeguard their

rights when they will find them-

Another important issue, said Tayar, is water, since 35% of

Israel's fresh water comes from

meanwhile, told Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahn that any fur-

ther redeployment would be unac-

ceptable unless Israel first

decides on and spells out its.

Should this not be done, the fac-

tion will convene again to decide

on what course to follow, it was

Yesterday's lengthy faction deliberations followed a hard-line

stance taken by the party's two

ministers during the earlier cabinet session. The differences of opin-

ion inside the NRP centered main-

ly on whether or not opposition to

redeployment should be accompa-

nied by a threat to bring down the

Education Minister Zevulun

Hammer spoke out forcefully against redeployment and vowed

will seek to put together a solid

united front against it. There is

simply no chance whatever that

we can vote for this notion."

to struggle against this plan. We

demands for the country's final

The National Religious Party,

selves living in Area A?"

the hilltops in Samaria.

borders.

announced.

government.

would be affected.

Jerusalem or peace and I will choose Jerusalem," he said.

He said if Israel does nothing, at the end of the process a Palestinian state would be created under less favorable conditions.

Sheetrit said he thought it is possible to reach an agreement on the permanent arrangements but he objected to Oslo 2, which would give the Palestinians most of the terriunries in the interim period,

According to an official briefing, the prime minister presented the Likud MKs with his ideas on furthering the process towards final-status talks. He stressed that the second further redeployment would be conditional on the Palestinians abiding by their com-

mitments and any further handing over of territory would be within the framework of the permanent

Netanyhau said Israel insists that the Palestinians abolish the Palestinian Covenant, reduce the. number of the Palestinian policemen and stop Palestinian Anthority activity in east Jerusalem.

Netanyahu stressed that it is up to the Palestinians to prove that they are carrying out the agreements. "We have so far carried out our abligations, except for the second and third redeployments, but they bave unt carried out any obligation and therefore we will not go on to the redeployments."
He noted that Israel has with-

drawn from 80 percent of Hebron, released prisoners; and is holding advanced negotiations in all the

working committees. Science Minister Michael Eitan said he supported starting the final-status negotiations on condition the government takes signifi-cant steps to strengthen Jewish settlement in Judea, Samaria and

MKs Ze'ev Begin and Uzi Landau objected to any withdraw-al from the territories. We can't give the Palestinians even a millimeter," said Landau. "Israel is taking on military risks. We can't give up anything at the moment. We must reassess the process."

Likud MK Gideon Ezra farer said Sheetrit could not continue to act as party whip while supporting the establishment of a Palestinian

A meeting that did not take place was also cause for discussion in the Knesset corridors yesterday. Netanyahu was forced to cancel a meeting with coalition MKs when too few turned up. One of the topics on the agenda was apparently the fact that the coalition MKs did not up out in sufficient numbers to block opposition-led bills.

Only some eight MKs and ministers arrived for the scheduled meeting. After waiting some 20

meeting. After waiting some 20 minutes in vain for more, Sheetrit

was forced to call it off. He said he would reschedule the meeting next week.



Nazi spoils?

Rabbi Henry Sobel holds a case containing 21 rings with precious stones yesterday. The case was found in a safe deposit box in Sao Paulo, Brazil, together with up to \$4.5 million in cash and gold, which authorities suspect Nazi fugitives may have stolen from Holocaust victims, Sobel is a member of Brazil's recently created Special Commission for the Search of Nazi Monies. (114) Bowes the state and the second of th

'guerrilla war' in the territories

By SARAH HONIG and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak yesterday warned of the "outbreak of a guerrilla war by the Palestinians if an agreement they deem satisfactory is not reached soon.

"What is offered them now is inadequate and does not meet their demands. This can lead to scenes, compared to which the intifada would pale. This is because the Palestinians now control territory and can mount warfare from their areas. Moreover, they are armed and can used rifles instead of rocks. This is a whole different situation."

He also warned that "there is no telling where the situation could deteriorate from there. It could very well embroil us at later. stages in a war with Syria and the rest of the Arab world, while Netanyahu has managed to cross our best friend in the world, the

A foreign intelligence report says that the IDF is not properly prepared for the possibility of a guerrilla war breaking out in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and that any attempt to recapture these territories could be very costly to IDF forces.

According to Jane's Intelligence Review, the IDF could recapture the most key points held by the Palestinians within 24 bours, but this could lead to between 200 and 2,000 Israeli fatalities, depending on the degree of firepower the

It said that the IDF general staff has been very slow to react to a possible scenario of aggressive Palestinian raids and resistance. It specifically noted that the IDF should have created additional active and reserve infantry brigades and territorial defense units to meet this threat. The IDF should also have added more armed helicopter squadrons and re-emphasize territorial defense roles among settlements.

The Palestinian militias number between 35,000 and 50,000, and some reports say that the Palestinian Authority can rely on up to 70,000 armed troops. Israeli security officials have said that the Palestinians are also importing weapons and were actually manufacturing them in the Gaza Strip. These include anti-tank missiles and Karyusha rockets.

Just last month, Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Or, the coordinator of government activities in the territories, warned that the IDF could suffer a large number of casualties if fighting breaks out with the Palestinians. But he said the Palestinians would suffer more. Or, who commanded the IDF forces in OC Judea and Samaria

and the Gaza Strip division, said then that preparations needed to be taken to ensure that flashpoints are reduced. Much of the defense of the area along the Green Line falls on the

Border Police. They have recently set up special units operating allterrain-vehicles and mountain bicycles to patrol the 360-kilometer-long frontier.

Barak warns of PA warns Hamas to hold off terror attacks

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, MOHAMMED MAJIB and ARIEN O'SULLIVAN

Palestinian Authority security officials warned Hamas leaders to refrain from carrying out terrorist attacks yesterday, expressing con-cern that terror attacks would impede current redeployment dis-

Gaza Hamas leader Abdul Azziz Rantisi denied this. At a meeting that Rantisi had with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and Sheikh Ahmed Yassin three weeks ago, Arafat did not ask Hamas to refrain from carrying nut "operations" against Israel, Rantisi said.

Cussions.

Rantisi called the peace negotiations between Israel and the PA meaningless and said there was no connection between the peace process and Hamas' operations.

"If Israel refused Sheikh Ahmad Yassin's initiative to call a ceasefire, it is obvious that Israel intends to continue with the occupation. Our resistance will contin-

ue," he said yesterday.

Meanwhile, 41 Islamic Jihad and Hamas activists in Nablus prison agreed to halt their bunger strike after PA Preventive Security Service head Col. Jibril Rajoub promised they would be released last night or today. Rajouh visited the prisoners on Monday.

Palestinian Human Rights activist Bassam Eid said that Arafat, not Rajoub, had decided to release the prisoners.

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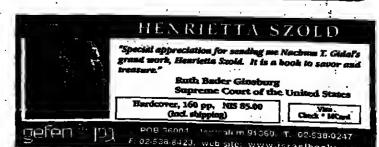
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Sweet protest

Diabetics dump sugar outside the main offices of Kupat Holim Clalit in Tel Aviv yesterday to protest its refusal to provide medications that improve the health of diahetics. The Tel Aviv Labor Court will begin hearing a class action suit today of the Israel Diabetics' Association and three of its members against the health minister and the health fund.

Coalition fails in bid to reject welfare bill

The coalition suffered another stingiog defeat in the Knesset plenum yesterday when Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai's efforts to reject an opposition-led bill failed. The hill passed its preliminary reading 34 to 32 even though Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu broke off the cabinet discussions on the further redeployment and mobilized his government ministers for the plenum vote on the bill which would increase national insurance aid to working parents.

Netanyahu reportedly later asked United Torah Judaism leader Meir Porush where his MKs were at the time of the vote, only to be reminded by Porush that Likud MKs left the room last ogy hill which the religious parties tried to pass. Last week a string of opposition hills passed in the

Likud whip Meir Sheetrit lost his temper with UTJ MKs Moshe Gafni and Shmuel Halpert yesterday after two hills hy Gafni passed preliminary reading. The bills, opposed by the government because of the cost, would improve aid to apartment buyers.

As the vote passed, Sheetrit shouted at Gafni threatening that he would next week bring up the hill calling for the draft of yeshiva students. The scene caused Deputy Speaker Shevah Weiss to remind him that "Coalition

threats and promises have no place in the plenum. Do what you want outside of the plenum where it's

not my business. Gafni told Sheetrit that his objections to the bill "are just an attempt to cover up the fact that the coalition is not functioning."

The dispute between the two worsened this week when Gafni accused Sheetrit of breaking a promise to him that a UTI MK would be elected to the body. which selects members of the chief rabbinate.

Yesterday's bill was raised by MK Yael Dayan (Labor), based on work by Na'amat, and calls for larger national insurance pay-ments to help families with children younger than six when both

Yishai voiced his objections ments that it would cost the state NIS 1.1 billion a year to implement. Yishai said the budget does not exist and would have to be taken from elsewhere. Parents would receive NIS 302 for the first child instead of NIS 154 and would get extra benefit points for each additional child under six years old.

Yishai also objected to the fact that it would apply to all parents without distinguishing between different income groups. The bill was raised at the same time the Knesset Finance Committee is discussing cuts to the child allowance for first and second children, he said.

Opposition calls for probe into jubilee funds

Ran Cohen (Meretz) has asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to open a police investigation of the prime minister over the organization of the 50th anniversary cel-

ebrations in the Diaspora, MK Yossi Katz (Labor), chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, has demanded details of the agreement hetween the Prime Minister's Office and millionaire Mery Adelson regarding the same issue.

Colien said Netanyahu had ordered the heads of the 50th anniversary celebrations organizing committee to pay Adelson's expenses to the time of some \$300,000 and that Adelson had been granted a budget of \$3 mil-

Cohen said Adelson donated W MEG Likud primary elections. He said the situation raises questions about a possible criminal breach

"The events that were meant to emphasize national unity and our history are being organized in a Chelm-like manner," Katz said. He said the prime minister had made the appointment without informing Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who heads the Ministerial Ceremonies and Symbols Committee.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office responded that the celebrations are under the strict supervision of a monitoring body and that every expense and

payment has to be approved by He said Adelson and another man mentioned by Katz are wellknown Jewish activists who volunteered to contribute their time, talents and connections for the celchrations.

The appointment was made with the approval of the ceremonies and symbols committee and of the government,

The two men did not donate to. either the Liknd or the prime minister's last election campaigns and they are not being paid for their work now, the spokesman said.

"massacre." The protesters car-ried placards and chanted slo-gans denouncing the Lebanese government for giving its aus-pices to those responsible for the shelling, in which eight people

Sunday.

The Aimal Shi'ite organization was believed to be responsible for the rocket and mortar attack on Beit Leif village on Sunday. It appeared to have acted in coordination with Hizbollah gunmen.

Several hundred angry Shi'ite

residents of the security zone

protested ontside UNIFIL's

headquarters in Nakoura yester-day over the Beit Leif village

were killed and several others

Yesterday's demonstration coincided with a meeting at UNIFIL's headquarters of the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring com-

The protesters, some of them waving photographs of those killed in the shelling and chanting "Allah Akbar," demanded a meeting with representatives of the monitoring committee.

They met with UNIFIL's senior

political ádvisor Timur Goksel and presented him with a petition which he promised to pass to the

Shi'ites protest

Beit Leif shellings

Israel has complained to the committee over the shelling of Beit Leif, as well as Katyusha rocket fire into western Galilee and two incidents of shooting from inside villages north of the zone - all in hreach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings. The incidents all occurred on

An examination of fragments of the shells that hit the village revealed that they had been manufactured by Iran's military industry, according to writing on them.

The pro-Syrian Beirut daily As-Safir yesterday called for a thorongh examination of the Beit Leif incident in light of the civilian

"It is easy to put the blame on the enemy because it is, first and foremost, the cause of the military problems in south Lebanon.... But. what happened in Beit Leif needs honest and courageous attention by all concerned," the newspaper wrote in an editorial.

"The proper approach is to

carry out an exhaustive investiga-tion ... which must be official and made public to prevent recurrences," said the newspaper which was one of the few to comment on the Beit Leif incident.

Meanwhile, the IDF's commander of the western region of the security zone and along the northem border, Col. Nimrod, said that, after a period of relative quiet, Amal was returning to the

battleground in south Lebanon.
Hizbullah is the dominant orgamization in the region. Amal, how-ever, after a break for a certain period is trying to return to inten-sive [hostile] activities," said

"It [Amai] is being supported by Hizbullah, with the aid of guides and other things. This is part of attempts to join forces and hit us every possible way. "We are succeeding quite well in

preventing this - and we do not differentiate between Amal and Hizbullah," he said.

'At least seven guni been killed and as many as 10 others wounded by IDF troops in fighting in south Lebanon in the

Bronfman: Clinton is wrong about not meeting Netanyahu

By JAY BUSHINSKY and LIAT COLLEGS

US President Bill Clinton's inability to find time to see Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at the White House was assailed yes-terday by World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman.

"I think Clinton is wrong to have rejected the prime minister to the extent that he did," Bronfman said. He said the warm welcome given hy Clinton to Netanyahu's predecessor, Shimon Peres, "could be interpreted as interference in Israeli politics."

He criticized the Clinton administration's attitude toward Netanyahat. saying it should show more understanding of the prime minister's domestic political problems.

Reflecting on the discussion he had with Netanyaho during his to the conclusion that "his problem is his coalition."

Netanyaho told Bronfman and enior officials that he was "pushing the peace envelope as far as he can," Bronfman went on, referring. to the current formula for redeployment in the West Bank.

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom told the Knesset plenum yesterday that the opposition's emissaries in the US acted to prevent a meeting between Netanyalia and Clinton.

"Israel has no intention of handing over strategic assets for a meeting." Shalom said. "A meeting with the US president is important, but the prime minister ordered a halt in the dealings concerning a meeting if it is conditional on agreeing to

concessions: Make to a The government will not change

current stay here, Bronfman came its policy, and the opposition must stop farming the flames against the prime minister in the US, he said.

Meretz whip Haim Oron said Clinton is not frestrated by the fact that Netanyaho does not give in to his dictates, but by the fact that Netanyaho does oot carry out his own decisions regarding the Hebron Agreement.

."We are not talking about a policy," Oron said. "There have been differences of opinion and friction between Israel and the US in the past. We are speaking about friction stemming from the negative traits of Netanyahu and the posi-tive traits of Clinton, who is gritting his teeth and trying to preserve the relationship." ci Oron said Netanyalm-is endanger

ing h relationship with the entry churarp that still stands by lated and is the basis of its economic existence.



By ORLY MIARONI

PM tries for pullback

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's efforts to obtain support for the implementation of his second redeployment plan in order to advance the peace process are "too little too late," writes Ma'ariv's Chemi Shalev.

He claims that under other circumstances, the disagreements hetween the Israelis, the Americans and the Palestinians could have been hridged, but "with the lack of trust [between the parties], Netanyahu's proposals are doomed to rejection."

Yediot Aharonot's Ronni Shaked refers to Netanyahu's of tion in his own camp. He claims that the right wing's fear of a second redeployment, prompted by their belief that this move would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state, is unfounded because "a Palestinian state is an existing fact."

Shaked indicates that the Palestinians have acquired all of the characteristics of an independent state and the only reason that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat does not announce its independence lies in his fear that "it would provide Israel with a legitimate excuse to cancel agreements."

"It is important to maintain good relations with the US, but it is even more important to keep the promises to the voters," states Ma'ariv's Haggai Segal, who adds that "instead of giving President Clinton false promises, one should say 'no; it might miraculously boost Netanyahu's credibility and revive his government."

Ha'aretz's Ze'ev Schiff focuses on the psychological pressure being applied to Netanyahu and the open question: Will Netanyahu be able to get his plan approved hy his difficult coalition members?"

Lieberman saga

Avigdor Lieberman's aggressive press conference, followed by the news he might be charged with fraud, generated extensive com-

"Lieberman has proven that he is still Netanyahu's loyal messenger, and not only is he far from abandoning political activity, he is ready to wage a war," claims Yediot's Bina Barzel, following Lieberman's personal attacks on Likud members.

She adds, however, that if the case against him will develop, "it might suffocate the crossfire initiated by the resigning director-general."

"Until yesterday, a free

Lieberman was said to strengthen Netanyahu, today, it is obvious that the greatest supporter of the lame duck is a wounded bear," write Ron Meiberg and Amnon Dankner for Ma'ariv.

Ha'aretz's Yossi Verter asserts that Lieberman's speech reflects. upon "Netanyahn's purification plan for the Likud," adding that by marking the rebellious ministers as targets, Lieberman has actually marked Netanyahu by provoking the ministers' wrath.

Unemployment

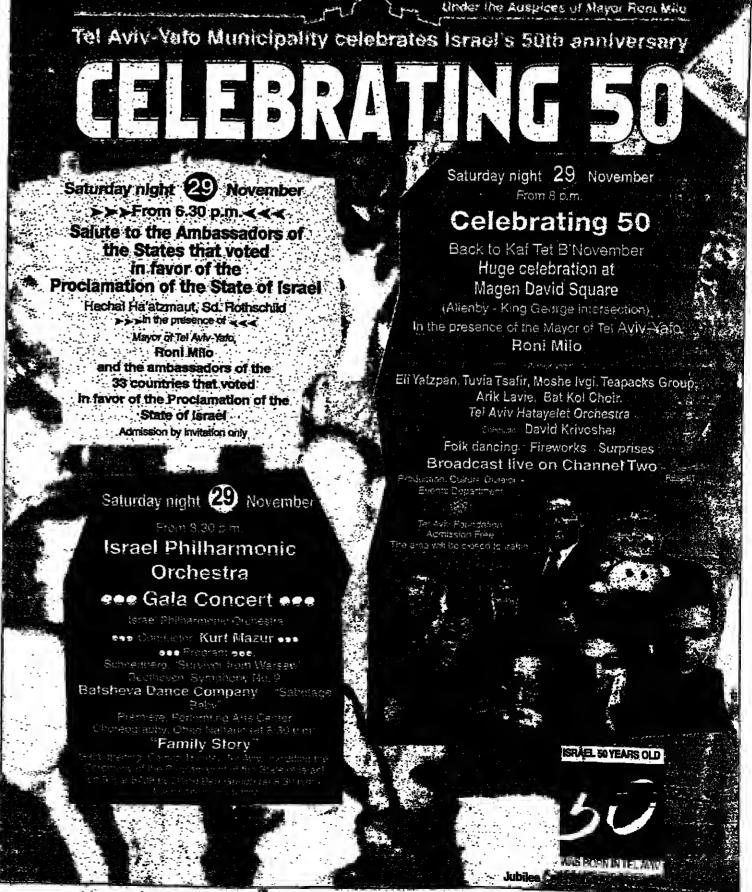
The rise in the unemployment rate will engulf more and more citizens and will eventually shake the existing foundations of our democracy," claims Meir Bleich in Ma'ariv.

"Whoever knows how to read the hudget agenda, has deciphered the national agenda for the coming year, and it is an anti-citizen agenda of a society under siege," writes Ya'acov Yona, also in Ma'ariv. He adds that the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry will suffer severe cuts, "just at a time when plants close down and there is accelerating government need for professional support and employment alternatives.

Problems with Bill

The decision by the Prime Minister's Office to stop trying to arrange a meeting between Netanyahn and President Bill Clinton "is a small announcement of independence; let us hope that he continues in this direction," states Emmal Elon in Yediot. She adds that "if the US is to stop dictating Israel's political agenda, Israel must get used to deciding

her own agenda." "It was not Netanyahu who stopped the negotiations, but Clinton once he shook hands with Shimon Peres and Leah Rabin [last week]," writes Ha'arete's Akiva Eldar.



By LIAT COLLINS and ARREH O'SULLIVAN

Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen yesterday celebrated the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee's decision to approve for first reading the bill be has been working on for over four years to cut and regulate the amount of time reserve soldiers can be called up

"It's a general amnesty for reservists, and who more than they deserve it," be said.

 But Cohen's bill itself is far from a widesweeping reform. It propos-es that the total number of days a reservist can be called for active service a year would be 36, compared to 39 today and 48 in 1995. It also limits the number of days a reservist can be called to serve at one time to 25, compared to 24 today and an unlimited number in 1995. It also proposes to abolish the "Zav 8" unlimited emergency call up which exists today and would require Knesset approval or at least the endorsement of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee - for such

The bill does not, however, tackte the question of the unfair distribution of the burden of reserve duty, which still falls mainly on combat unit veterans, MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said. And it does not higher levels such as battalion and division commanders.

According to the bill, combat reserve duty would be limited to 25 days a year plus five "training" (immim) days and six one-day

The IDF has been working this year on the assumption that the bill will become law and basically has adjusted its reservist call-up policy accordingly, Zucker said. Nonetheless the bill is noteworthy for establishing the criteria in law, as opposed to IDF regulations, he

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee also considered the issue of special financial compensation to reservists in combat units. The IDF already has budgeted NIS 30 million for this, but the MKs did not determine how this money should be spent and what individual soldiers would receive.

Another proposed change in the bill would be that combat soldiers would be released from combat unit reserve duty at age 41 and noncombatant soldiers released from reserve duty at age 48. This change would only go into effect in the year 2001. The rest of the bill is expected to pass into law and come into effect by January 1999.

Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazy, assistant to the General Staff for

cover reservists at many of the Operations, said the IDF had been involved in drafting the bill and was satisfied with it. But he said many of the elements in the bill already had been implemented over the past few years.

"It expresses a new component in which the state, the lawmakers, the defense establishment and the army are saying publicly that those who serve must be compensated," Ashkenazy said. "True it doesn't create more servicemen, but it certainly gives preference to those

who are doing service."

He added that the large number of conscripts this decade enabled the IDF to establish more units and the army relied less on reservists

"Assuming that the security reality is not going to change, we are going to call on less and less reservists than in the past,"

Ashkenazy also hinted that the army's hands were tied when it came to dealing with deferments given for religious or medical grounds and that the new bill did not provide for bringing them into the pool of reservists.

Defense Minister Mordechai praised the bill and said it was fully supported by the defense establishment and expressed the appreciation for



A gift from Weizman

Reuma Weizman, the president's wife, hands a present to one of the three children who received organs from Hasan Ali Jarawish, the boy who was inadvertently killed by an IDF rubber bullet in Bethlehem two weeks ago. Weizman visited the three children yesterday at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva. On Tuesday, Hasan's father, Mohammed Jarawish, was received by President Ezer Weizman at Belt Hanassi.

US formally requests extradition of teen suspect

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Israel has received a formal US request to extradite the teenager wanted in connection with a grisly murder that took place in September in Maryland.

The 17-year-old boy, whose name cannot be published here because he is a minor, fled here shortly after the burned and dismembered body of 19-year-old Alfredo Tello was found in a vacant house in Montgomery County, Maryland. Another suspect was arrested in the case; both have been charged with

But the youth being held here claims Israeli citizenship, which would entite him to be tried here and not be extradited. The claim is based on the fact that his father, who was born here and left Israel in 1950, at the age of six, holds Israeli citizenship. The youth had never visited Israel previously and does not hold an Israeli passport.

Israeli law against extradition for crimes committed abroad. The formal US request opens up the way for a complicated and lengthy legal procedure that could, however, end in extradition, based on questions as to whether the father's citizenship

claim is valid. According to the 1952 Citizenship Law, only people who were still resident in Israel at the time of the passage of the law - July 1952- automatically became Israeli citizens, Since the father left in 1950, his residence here could be interpreted as insufficient to cousider him an Israeli citizen. Then, by extension, his son has no claim to

Documents relating to the case will be examined by the Justice Ministry's international department and then will be brought to Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi for perusal, the ministry spokeswoman said yesterday. Hanegbi will decide whether to submit a petition for extradition to the Jerusalem District

citizenship and may be extradited.

the youth can be extradited or not.

Attorney-General Elvakim Rubinstein has already declared that, in his opinion, the youth can be extradited. Hanegbi is expected to

Lawyers for the suspect, led by former justice minister David Liba'i, say they will oppose the move and if necessary, take the case to the Supreme Court - a move which could lengthen the proceedings considerably. The file sent from the US con-

tains a description of the crime, evidence from eyewitnesses and others, along with documents relating to the citizenship issue. Earlier, the US Immigration and Naturalization Service had forwarded some 300 documents to the ministry.

The case has received wide, units vorable coverage in the US and a Congressional committee held np aid to Israel while the preliminary deliberations were held here over the question of extradition.

PA and Israel douse fires

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

As Israeli and Palestinian statesmen wrangle over the peace process, attempts are being made behind the scenes to encourage cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli fire department offi-

Fire Department Chief Avner Mustafi, who heads the Ariel branch, instigated meetings with his Palestinian counterparts from Kalkilya and Nablus. "Most of the time when we are called to assist in rescuing victims of road accidents in the area, the Palestinian fire and rescue squads show up and assist us," he said.

Seeking to improve relations with the Palestinians, Mustafi suggested carrying out a number of joint drills using the latest equipment and technology.

The first drill took place with a Palestmian crew from Last week a crew of 20 fire officials from Nablus spent the day learning about the different methods and technology used by their Israeli counterparts, Mustafi said.

Gov't to fund genetic testing to verify Yemenite remains

Funds have been found to continue genetic testing of skeletons of what are presumed to be Yemenite children. The results then can be compared to tests done on members of families whose children went missing decades ago.

The government submitted a statement to this effect to the High Court of Justice yesterday in response to a petition filed by the chairman of the Public Committee for Discovering the Missing Yemenite Children, Rosh Ha'ayin Mayor Yigal Yosef, and 10 Yemenite families.

The petition demanded that Health Minister Yehoshua Matza fulfill a promise made by his pre-

northern neighborhoods.

construction branch.

Municipal workers in Tel Aviv began sanctions-

yesterday after the city hired outside sanitation con-

tractors in addition to the sanitation department's

staff. The contractors have started working in the

Mayor Ronni Milo said the contractors' work had

not affected and would not affect the work condi-

tions or salaries of the city's sanitation staff. At the same time, the city ran ads in the press telling resi-

dents to prepare for a strike, and, if it happens, to put

There were sanctions in the city's financial branch, including property rates departments. Office hours

were cancelled and phone calls went unanswered.

There were also sanctions in the engineering and

decessor, Tzahi Hanegbi, to conduct these tests. The state attorney's representative told the High Court that the Treasury would provide the Health Ministry with NIS 400,000 to finish the testing.

In the summer of last year, Yosef approached Hanegbi and asked that genetic tests be done on families and that the results be matched with tissue samplings from the remains of what were presumed to be Yemenite children, who were buried in the Segula Cemetery. Hanegbi authorized blood tests

TA workers begin sanctions

on the parents and first-degree relatives of interested families and the blood was stored at the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir. The 10 graves that were subsequently opened yielded 22 skeletons.
In March, however, the families

were told that due to lack of funds, the forensic institute would not be able to finish testing the remains. The families petitioned the High Court, claiming that stopping the tests constituted a breach of promise and demonstrated an extreme lack of seasitivity by a government body in this painful affair.

After receiving the govern-ment's commitment to the funding, Justices Yitzhak Zamir, Tova Strassberg-Cohen and Ya'acov Terkel postponed further hearings

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Neeman to address Reform conference

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By HERB KEINON

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, head of the committee trying to put together a compromise on the Conservative and Reform conversion issue, is scheduled to address the biennial convention of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism tonight at Beit Shmuel in Jerusalem.

In addition to Neeman, representarives from Likud, Labor, Meretz and Yisrael Ba'aliya will address the gathering. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Ezer Weizman have sent greetings that will be read at the

opening event. Dov Ben-Shimon, the convention's coordinator, said he called Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau to extend an invitation, but that an aide to Lau turned him down.

Ben-Shimon said that a convention of the Reform movement's activists in Israel was planned far in advance of the recent storm over the conversion issue, but that the issue will undoubtedly be a central topic of discussion.

In addition to the conversion issue, workshops at the three-day convention, entitled "Progressive Judaism between the poles: between haredism and secularism," are slated to look at the meaning and relevance of a number of holidays and life-cycle events such as Shabbat, Hanukka

and the bar mitzva.

Some 200 to 300 people are expected to attend the conference.

works committee, said the workers were even considering an all-out strike. Gershon Gelman, the Histadrut chairman for the Tel Aviv-Jaffa region, said the Histadrut was very concerned over the hiring of private contractors in place of city workers.

Amon Bar-David, chairman of the municipality's

The sanitation branch cannot do its work properly because it is understaffed and uses outmoded equipment, Gelman said.

Negotiations between the city and the sanitation workers broke down Tuesday, and the Histadrut announced it would support the workers.

The city said it hired outside contractors because agreements signed in the '70s mean employees work only three days a week.

Shalom: PM wasn't aware of Lieberman's press conference

agenda on the resignation of Avigdor Lieberman as directorgeneral of the Prime Minister's British mandate-period emer-Office, Deputy Defense Minister gency regulations fell in its pre-

Silvan Shalom said that Lieberman had not told Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu what he planned to say at the press confer-ence he held on Monday.

Shalom, who is the government's liaison to the Knesset, said Netanyahu did not approve of personal attacks.

Shalom said Lieberman had served the prime minister between 1993 and 1996 and had helped him win the Likud's top spot and the premiership.
Shalom said Lieberman had

stressed that he had not known that the police planned to recommend he be indicted for alleged financial misdealings as head of the Gesher Aliya association and also said the prime minister had not known, either.

"It's much more than just a mishap when the internal security minister and police inspector-general learn of the recommendations [to prosecute] only after journalists publish it," said Shalom.

ire over Labor no-shows

Meretz whip Haim Oron yesterday announced that his party would no longer coordinate its bills and votes with Labor because Labor MKs do not bother to come to the Knesset plenum.

He made the declaration after a

Answering several motions to the joint bill by Meretz MKs Amnou seenda on the resignation of Rubinstein and Ran Coben which would have limited the use of

> liminary reading. Oron said the bill was coordinated AT THE KNESSET with Labor but only 12 Labor By LIAT COLLINS MKs out of the 25

who were in the building at the time turned up for

A-Sanaa: Labor. rejecting Arabs

MK Taleb A-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) yesterday wrote a letter of complaint to Labor Party leader Ehud Barak protesting Barak's statement this week that he would be prepared to head a national unity government including the Likud, Shas and Yisrael Ba'aliya.

We're fed up with this approach," said A-Sanaa, "Labor candidates compete with the Likud for being cut off and distant from any links with the Arab parties."

Organizing coalition peace supporters

MK Roman Bronfman (Yisrael Ba'aliya) is acting to create a forum of peace process supporters within the coalition to act as a counterweight to the Land of Israel Front headed by MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher.) He said be is in contact with

MKs from his own party and the Likud, Third Way, Gesher and



By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Jerusalem Post

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The Secondary School Teachers Association yesterday announced it was calling off its sanctions for a two-week period, after negotia-tions were launched shortly after a marathon, six-hour Knessei Education Committee.

The association said that during the two-week period it would conduct substantive talks with the Education and Finance ministries on proper implementation of its contract, signed in 1994, regarding pay for accompanying pupils on school trips and other events outside the school, and on the matter of principals' salaries and authority.

A spokeswoman for the association said the decision to temporarily lift the sanctions was due to the mediation of the Knesset Education Committee, led hy committee chairman Emanuel Zissman.

Representatives of the Finance Ministry were summoned to the meeting, and the association began negotiations at the Knesset yesterday afternoon, following an earlier meeting of the committee on the sanctions issue in the morn-

That session was a stormy one, with representatives of several groups most affected by the halting of school trips - including the Hahima and Cameri theaters, the Society for the Preservation of Nature in Israel - and MKs sharply criticizing the teachers for the sanctions.

Reacting to the attacks, association chairman Ran Erez said: "How were the teachers' sanctions expressed? By their refusing to volunteer. Suddenly it turned out that many rely on our working for



Zissman: A major achievement

nothing to make a living. Everyone tells us we're justified, and where does this get us?" According to an association spokeswoman, the agreement

reached at the session stipulates

that negotiations will focus on compensating teachers who accompany pupils to acrivites outside school by having that time counted as work bours or in some other agreed-upon fashion. Negotiations regarding principals' salaries and authority will also continue with the Education Ministry, with the conclusions reached in those talks brought to the Knesset Education Committee

If the Finance Ministry refuses to accept an agreed-upon solution worked out between the Education Ministry and the teachers, the Education Committee will support the teachers and use its influence to get the Finance Ministry to accept the agreement.

in two weeks.

Speaking after the meeting, Zissman said: "I see this as a major achievement. I used a great deal of pressure, both from the

committee and myself, and I'm very bappy the sanctions were

He said the committee's willingness to put its influence behind any agreed-upon formula worked out between the Education Ministry and the association was "an incentive" to get the two sides to reach agreement.

"In such a case, we'll put all the tools at our disposal to see it through and see to it that the Finance Ministry agrees to this," he said. "There had been an agreement on this before, but then the teachers backed out of it, and the president got involved. So what the president couldn't do, I did, hut I'm not a candidate for president. We'll do all we can now so that the sanctions aren't renewed in two weeks, but rather that this agreement will turn into a perma-

Histadrut to strike Sunday

Some 150,000 clerks will go on strike Saturday at midnight, the Histadrut decided last night after talks between the Clerks Union and the Treasury faltered. The strike will include workers from the local authorities, Kupat Holim Clalit, public institutions and Na'amat and WIZO day-care centers, among others.

"I am surprised and also terrified by the lack of responsibility displayed by the representative of the Finance Ministry, which has done everything possible to lead us to implement serious economic sanctions," Clerks Union head Leon Murozovsky said last night, Therefore we are forced to call a strike which will be one of the most painful ones that Israel ever

Earlier yesterday, the Histadrut had agreed to hold off a strike after the National Labor Court yesterday postponed a hearing on a restraining order barring workers from striking, a court spokesman said. He had said the court scheduled another hearing for next Wednesday and that in the meantime the Histadrut had agreed to delay staging any

(News agencies)



One dead in Lower Galilee collision

The driver of a pickup truck was killed yesterday in a collision with another truck near the Beit Rimon Junction in Lower Galilee. The pickup was heading toward the junction when it veered suddenly and collided head-on with the semitrailer. It took firefighters a long time to extract the driver's body from the wreckage. His identity had not yet been released at press

Police confiscate weapons, drugs in Ramle

Police confiscated weapons and drugs and detained nine peo-ple yesterday during a raid in Ramle. Some 300 police participated in the raid in the Juarish neighborhood, where a feud between the Jarussi and Karaji clans has claimed 23 lives in the

Surgery removes hair from women's abdomen

·A large ball of hair 25 centimeters long that completely blocked the stomach of a 20-year-old woman was removed in emergency surgery at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava. The young woman began to suffer a few weeks ago from loss of weight and lack of appetite. The doctors, who could feel a large mass in her abdomen, at first thought it was a tumor, but a computerized tomography scan showed it was a ball of hair, which is known in medical terminology as trichobezoar. After questioning her, she admitted to having swallowed strands of her own hair for years due to stress. After the operation, performed by Prof. Moshe Engelberg of the general surgery department, her pains stopped, her appetite returned and her functioning became normal.

MKs get checked for oral cancer

Even though excessive talking doesn't cause oral cancer, Israel Dental Association representatives visited the Knesset this week to check the mouths of MKs and House staffers. According to the IDA, oral cancer is among the least known to the public, but about 300 new cases are diagnosed here each year. Because the symptoms are often noted late, the tumors may metastasize to the lymph glands and other parts of the body at a late stage, when it cannot be treated.

The dentists noted that if people visited their dentist regularly for a checkup, oral cancer could be diagnosed in time for effective treatment in most cases. But only a quarter of the public visit their dentist regularly. The IDA came to the Knesset to increase public awareness of the disease.

IDF arrests drug suspect in Lebanon

Assaf Assaf, of Ramish, a village in southern Lebanon, was arrested and brought to Israel Tuesday on suspicion of drug trafficking here. The arrest followed an unprecedented wave of drug smuggling from Lebanon and the capture of 12 kilograms of drugs over the past month. Assaf's remand was extended yesterday for 15 days. In requesting the remand, the police said Assaf had smuggled large amounts of drugs and had distributed them throughout the country, Assaf was arrested a year and a half ago for a similar alleged offense and was released by the district court after a long remand.

Radio sexologist loses show

at Kfar Darom in April 1995. Flatow, who lives in New Jersey, told Lau that he intends to immigrate to Israel.

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The sound of the bride and groom may be heard in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, but not sexologist Dr. Yaakov Meir-Weil's advice program "Al Pi Shnayim Yakum."

The call-in show, hroadcast on local station Radin Yerushalayim, has been pulled from the air after haredi groups allegedly threatened to take away the kashrut certificate of station owner Micha Levy's capital banquet hall if the program was not dropped.

The program, in which the Hadassah Medical Center sexology unit head offered advice to callers in a program similar to what Dr. Ruth Westheimer does in the US, was yanked off the air a week ago Monday, with Meir-Weil given only six hours' notice. They called me and said they

were taking it off the air," Meir-Weil said. No real explanation for the decision was given to him, he said. However, "this very short notice I received does not show radio planning, hut yielding to pressures, hut I have no idea where they came from."

However, a source close to the program said: "As far as I know there was some kind of pressure put on Levy from religious circles or rabhis. They told him they would take away the kashrut certificate from his banquet hall."

Levy owns the Nof Catering

Hall in Jerusalem's Shalom Hotel, located in Bayit Vagan, a mostly religious neighborhood.

Levy denied there were any threats made regarding the program. "There were a few calls from people who said the program was too vulgar. So we haven't yet taken it off the air completely. We've decided to delay it for a while. We are evaluating the program, weighing what to do, and all the steps we've taken are temporary. We will check the matter. It's possible it will return; it may not. A request for a response from

Deputy Mayor Haim Miller's office was answered by a woman who said the decision to take the program off was "excellent," and who asked the caller not to even talk to her about the matter. Miller himself could not be reached for

Meir-Weil said he has been doing the show for about five months, "and until now there were no complaints. Nohody spoke to me, or asked me to change anything. Nobody tried to censor it or asked me to change language or content. Feedback was good, many people were calling in, so I had no reason to try to change it."

Many callers to the program have identified themselves as

being religious, Meir-Weil said, hut added the program wasn't directed at such people.

Closing the circle
Ashkenati Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau shakes hands yesterday with Stephen Flatow, whose daughter Alisa was killed in a terror attack

Dr. Uri Wernik, director of Misgav Ladach Hospital's sex therapy clinic, said he was surprised by the move. Although he said be was not familiar with the show specifically, "Judaism overall has a very positive approach toward sex; it's regarded as a mitzva. It's not just for the sake of having children, hut also for the couple to be together. The idea of sexuality is supposed to have a certain degree of modesty attached to it, but proper discussions of it should not bother people, even in religious circles.

Sharon, a Jerusalemite who said she had regularly listened to the program, said she bad found it very interesting and fun to listen to. It was nice to know that if you had a question, you had someone to turn to where you didn't have to feel embarrassed. After all, everyone has questions, and it's not the kind of thing you talk about at the Shabbai dinner table. Ii was nice to have a forum for such things. The haredim obviously are husy having sex. judging hy the number of children they have, and it would seem to me that they could benefit from such a program, since they're much less likely to talk among themselves about such

Striking rail workers threaten to blow up Dimona

By SYBIL EHRLICH

Striking Israel Railways employees in Dimona yesterday harricaded themselves among wagons of chemicals from the Dead Sea Works, as part of a dispute hetween IR and Israel Chemicals.

On Tuesday the strikers threatened to hlow up the whole town if they are dismissed from their jobs. They hroke into a city council meeting and locked Mayor Gabi Lalouche in the railway station. Lalouche was released by police and the fire hrigade. According to the demonstrators, the dangerous chemicals, which bave been in the station for 48 hours, could set off a huge explosion.

IR wants to fire 40 workers following a sharp drop in the amount of freight carried in the last four months, due to the ending of an agreement with Israel Chemicals after IR refused IC's request to lower freight charges by 40 percent. IC is therefore sending most of its freight by

road, despite the environmental dangers involved.

Israel Railways' director-general Amos Uzani says the strike is unjustified. It was not coordinated with the Histadrut and was not announced in advanced and is thus illegal; he said.

IR is taking steps together with the Histadrut to improve efficiency in accordance with a 1994 agreement calling for a reduction in the number of employees and changes in methods of freight transport to reduce the railways' deficit and enable the reduction of freight charges. Uzani stressed that without taking these steps IR would almost certainly be forced to stop transporting freight altogether and hundreds of workers would be dismissed.

He stated that strikers who do not return to work immediately would be beld legally responsible for damage caused to cus-

Demonstrating workers called on government ministers to do everything possible to prevent the dismissals.

Two people treated for CO poisoning in Haifa

By JUDY SIEGEL

Two of six members of a Jerusalem family overcome with carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas heater were rushed yesterday to the byperbaric chamber attached to Haifa's Rambam Hospital to force the gas out of their bloodstream.

They were the first victims of CO poisoning in the capital this winter, over 100 people are poisoned by carbon monoxide each year. There even have been some deaths.

The family, consisting of par-ents, grandparents and children aged 12 and 16, was taken by Magen David Adom ambulance to Hadassah-University Hospital in Mt. Scopus after succumbing to the odorless, tasteless and color-less gas emitted by their gas heater. The grandfather and mother, who suffered complications, were taken for treatment to the

Haifa facility, which in the sum-

mer treats divers suffering from "the bends." Avraham Halbersberg, head of

MDA's Jerusalem branch, noted that every year families who have not properly used or maintainedtheir gas heaters are overcome, with CO poisoning. Jerusalem is, especially susceptible because of the use of these heaters, especially the "Junkers" type that heats an entire apartment and is often illegally installed or operated in a closed-in hathroom or balcony where there is too little air. Halbersberg urged owners of gas.

heating systems to have them checked each year before the onsetof winter and to leave open windows to reduce the risk. He said members of the haredi community. in Jerusalem are frequent victims as many use gas heaters but don't know how to operate or maintainthem or they close in balconies for more living space. He recommended information campaigns in synagogues and schools.

Ex-buyer for **Defense Ministry** sentenced for fraud

Ministry buyer hased in New York, was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment yesterday for fraud, hreach of trust and accepting hribes. The Tel Aviv District Court also gave Oron a 21-month suspended sentence and fined him NIS 150,000.

As the sentence was read, a fight broke out in the courtroom between a Ma'ariv photographer and Oron's relatives, who tried to stop him from taking pictures. The fight continued when they left the courtroom, ending only when security officials inter-

vened. Oron, 45, of Ramat Gan, submitted bills to the ministry that were significantly higher than the

Haim Oron, a former Defense cost of products it was huying from US weapons companies. He then split the difference with the companies' salesmen.

Oron pocketed \$30,000. His actions cost the ministry NIS 500,000, according to the prose-

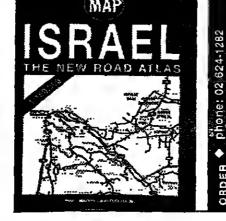
Judge Adina Kaplan-Hegler said she took into account Oron'a clean record and his colleagues' positive testimony as to his character, as well as the fact that he had not confessed or expressed regret.

Oron's crime was one of the most serious breaches of trust hy a state employee, the judge said. She acceded to a request by Oron's lawyer that he start serving his sentence in mid-January.

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Peers may be passé

Days may be numbered for some in Britain's House of Lords

By BILL GLAUBER

LONDON - John Rouodell Palmer Selborne was born to

He is a member of Britain's House of Lords, a hereditary peer bearing a title handed dnwn generations to the eldest male

Lord Selborne can vote on important government legislation. He can add his voice in the genteel debate that takes place within the plush upper chamber of Britain's Houses of

But Selbnrne's days as an unelected political player may be numbered. Britain's new Labor government is out in strip the hereditary peers of the right tn sit and vote in the House of

"I have a son," Selburne says.
"But I don't think be is expecting to succeed me. By then, this will all be nver." Labor's new tune has the Lords a'leaping.

They're not yet backing up the moving vans to the House of Lords, but many of the hereditary peers seem resigned to leaving behind a comfortable life

within an exclusive club. Lnrd Richard, the leader of the Lords, last week reaffirmed "the government is committed to reforming the Lords, and will bring forward proposals in due course." But he provided no details on any of the reforms. .

Prime Minister Tony Blair offered a blunter message in his Labor Party conference speech in September, when he warned the Lords, "We have the votes of the people, you've got the votes of nobody." The battle between the popularly elected House of Commons and the House of Lords has been an on-and-off struggle going back centuries.

The House of Lords symbolizes old Britain, right down to the red-and-white robes members wear when Queen Elizabeth Il presides over the State Openiog of Parliament. The doorkeepers are dressed in tails; the paneled, carpeted corridors

are filled with portraits of Commons can just as easily Britain's great and good. Even the coat hooks io the majestic cloakroom speak of power, with spots reserved for princes Philip, Charles and Andrew.

The House of Lords is descended from the king's council that advised the Norman and Plantagenet monarchs beginning

more than 900 years ago.
Today, the House of Lords is a place of privilege and introspection, filled with the wealthy and the well-connected. Its members draw nn salaries, but do get expenses. It also has the look of a retirement club, with the average age of sitting peers at 65 years, nne month.

Its potential membership nnw 1,275 - cnnsists of "lords spiritual," archbishops and bishops of the Church of England; and "lords temporal," who are hereditary and life peers. Somepeers decline to take their seats.

The 490 life peers were appointed by successive govern-ments under a system established in 1958 — the same year that women were allowed to sit in the Hnuse of Lords. Among the life peers are judges, expoliticians such as former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, prominent business leaders, scientists and musicians. They are selected each year by the gnvernment of the moment for appointment by the monarch.

The 759 bereditary peers are lords by blood, many rooted in the country's landed aristocracy. Sixteen lords are heirs to peerages created before 1400.

The House of Lords is Britain's highest court of appeal in civil cases, and highest court of appeal for criminal cases in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The judicial work is overseen by 12 Law Lords. Scotland bas its own criminal legal system.

In essence, though, the House of Lords is a talking shop, a "revising chamber"that mostly fine-tuoes legislatioo. It can reject bills drawn up by the House of Commons, but the override and pass them again. At. most, the Lords can delay legislation by one year.

So, why does Labor want to take on this defanged institu-

Mnre than half the hereditary peers are aligned with the Conservative Party, while Labor has only 14 hereditary peers. This block of Tories could cause mischief for a Labor leader bent on reshaping Britain's govern-

The campaign to dump the bereditary peers grew nasty last spring, when Lahor dug into the background of the Tory hereditary peers.

Jack Straw, a leader in the

then-opposition Labor Party, "How can the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensbury, the largest private land owner, in Britain, who owes his title to the fact that one of his ancestors was the bastard son of Charles II, represent the common man?". Straw added, "And bow can it be right for the Tories to rely on the vote of Lord Vestey, whose. great-grandfather bought the title with a £20,000 donation to the Conservative Central Office in 1922?" The hereditary peers were not amused by the bashing.

"Before the bereditary peers get kicked out, the government should and must think very carefully how a second chamber should be ultimately constituted," Selborne said:

Even though the Lords may appear far removed from the rest of society, Selborne said they are in time with modern Britain. "We may look elderly," said Selborne, 57. "But the debates do read well."

One peer who would like to keep bis place is 41-year-old Lord Cranborne, the leader of the Conservatives. His family has been active in politics for about 400 years. One of his ancestors was Elizabeth I's chief minister. His great-great-grand-father, the Marquess of Salisbury, was prime minister three times under Queen

Selborge is one of his distant cousins.

A member of the House of Lords since 1992, Cranborne will eventually inherit the title of his father, the sixth Marquess

of Salisbury.
"I've lived with this all my life." Cranborne said, sitting on a leather couch, in front of a fireplace, in his office in the House of Lords.

"It affects different people different ways," he said. "Some feel guilty. Some feel they have something to live up to Some people are sort of incredibly proud about it. It gives some an innate superiority over others—
which is a stupid reaction. I'm. of course, proud of my family. I certainly wouldn't have gone into politics without my family."

He added with a smile, "I am unquestionably one of the lucky people of the world. I'm not a puritan. Life is there to be enjoyed."

Cranborne said be accepts "that bereditary peerage is not intune with the zeitgeist." But he added that the House of Lords as a whole does serve a purpose, providing a secure place for the best and brightest to practice politics and quietly influence. legislation.

The purpose of a second chamber here is to act as an independent check on the elected dictatorship of the House of Commons," be said.

Cranborne is pushing for a reform of the House of Lords, boping the base of peers can be wideoed, with local governments participating in indirect elections. "Any reformed House of

Lords would be a more powerful. House of Lords," he said, "and that is a desirable thing." Yet even Cranborne acknowledged that the days of the hereditary peers may be onmbered. "The sentimentalist would

keep some of them," he said. "I think Mr. Blair is committed to getting rid of them all."

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painting from the auction block because of suspicion it may have been stolen by the Nazis, the auction house said.

We received information last week that caused us to question whether we should continue to offer this painting," said Diana Phillips, senior vice president for corporate affairs at Sotheby's New York headquarters.

The auction house, which has acknowledged Nazis may have stolen the work, took the action Tuesday after The Boston Globe inquired into the record of owner-

Last week, the newspaper gathered evidence that the painting, "A Dune Landscape with Two Figures by a Fence," may be among the thousands of artworks unaccounted for since World War

Sotheby'a bad included the painting in the catalog for its December 3 and 4 London auc-

The auction house called its elient, a German national, and said "troubling questions" had been raised about its ownership, Phillips said.

"We said that we felt these questions should really be answered," she said. "The client agreed."

Painted by Jacob van Ruisdael in 1647, the artwork appareofly was destined for a museum Hitler planned to huild in Linz, Austria, The Globe has reported.

The museum was to have showcased art plundered from European Jews or bought in occupied countries. It never was built. The van Ruisdael work surfaced

on the market as the National has removed a 17th-century Dutch Jewish Museum and the World Jewish Congress began efforts to compile databases of missing wartime paintings, many of them looted from Jews.

Museums, eollectors and auction houses know far less about wartime looting than the growing number of historians who specialize in it. Sotheby's officials, for example, said they didn't know the US National Archives contains ioventories of paintings stolen during wartime.

The painting is one of 48 Old Masters from the estate of German industrialist Guenter Henle. Henle, who died in 1979, was imprisoned by the Allies for 10 months after the war for his role in running critical wartime coal and steel industries in the Ruhr Valley.

Records eited by The Globe show that Edouard Plietzsch, a friend and art adviser to Henle, was the wartime deputy director of the Dienststelle Muehlmann, the Nazi art looting unit in the Netherlands. The newspaper said that Pieter de Boer, the Dotch dealer who sold the painting to Henle, also sold hundreds of paintings to the Nazis during the

Henle's family agreed with the decisioo to remove the van Ruisdael from the sale, Phillips

Ori Z. Soltes, the director of the National Jewish Museum and the chairman of its Holocaust Art Restitution Project, praised Sotheby's.

The auction house "has set a new standard for behavior, rather than succumbing to greed," he

US defense secretary said Iraq could destroy the world; Saddam refuses demand to search palaces

By HASSAN HAFTDH

BAGHDAD (Reuters) Responding to US Secretary-of Defense William Cohen's assessment Tuesday that Iraq's non-conventional weapons arsenal might suffice to kill every person on earth, a senior Iraqi official called the remark "an unscienofic and naive exaggeration which aims at

instigating a hysterical campaign against Iraq." The official, Lieut.-Gen. Amir Saadi, an adviser to Saddam in charge of following up the work of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) on weapons inspectioos, was quoted by the state-controlled Iraqi press.

"Iraq has not produced and does not possess even one gram of the

nerve gas, and this fact is docu-mented by UNSCOM," said Saadi. Iraq said yesterday it would not put up with any more "farces" by UN arms inspectors, whom it

again accused of spying for the US. The comments were the latest in a war of words between Baghdad and Washington that has shown oo signs of dying down, despite Iraq's decision last week to lift its ban on Americans working in UN monitoring teams.

Cohen accused Iraq of continuing to evade and deceive inspectors. Cohen also said Iraq might have developed enough VX chemical agent alone to kill every person on earth, and that Saddam must oot. be allowed to exempt his palaces from searches.

Cohen stressed at a news conference that any attack oo Iraq by US planes and ships massed in the Gulf would be reserved "only as a last option" by US Presideot Bill Clinton in consultation with Washington's allies.

The ban caused a tense standoff with the UN and prompted a major US military huildup in the Gulf. Baghdad agreed to reverse its October 29 decision after mediation by Russia.

The government newspaper al-Jumhouriya said "Iraq will not tolerate any more farces by inspection teams," which it said had developed into virtual criminal courts.

But at the same time the official Iraqi news agency INA said 13 groups of monitors headed by road yesterday for inspection sites, and one team used a helicopter for surveillance ootside Baghdad.

Iraqi officials later said 19 sites were inspected, and no banned

weapons were found.

The work of the inspection teams has changed from searching for weapons to gathering information about Iraq which has nothing to do with UN Security Council resolutions," Jumbouriya said.

Thawra, newspaper of the ruling Baath party, said Washington was insisting on inspecting President Saddam Hussein's palaces to divert world attention from "Iraq's great and national cause, which is lifting the embargo" imposed by the UN when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. Meanwhile, in a sign that

Baghdad may be gaining ground in its campaign to tip world opinion in its favor, the president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) made his strongest bid yet to readmit Iraq into Arab ranks.

"Saddam Hussein is not stronger than others, and what emanated from him was a result of greed not only in Kuwait but in the whole Gulf," UAE newspapers quoted Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Nahayan as telling Egyptian editors in Cairo

"But greed is part of the nature



US Secretary of Defense William Cohen accuses Iraq of continuing to evade and deceive inspectors at a press conference at the Pentagon.

of humans young and old, and if greed had dominated the Iraqi president's mind, the Gulf is oow well and it is Saddam and his people who are suffering." "Let's tell

this man that you bave exred towards us... hut we now tell you: 'Welcome back as a faithful brother," he said,

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But a senior OPEC delegate said

the final agreement would be very.

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troops from Kuwait in 1991. But the Golf state has since led a campaign to return Iraq to the The UAE was part of the US-

Iran to release 500 Iraqi

tured during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq. war the official Islamic Republic News Agency announced yester-

The agency said the unilateral release of the prisoners of war was in line with its humanitarian poli-

The war, which killed an estimated one million people, ended in August 1988 with a UN-brokered cease-fire, bot the two ocigibors have not signed a peace

Iran and Iraq have exchanged some 75,000 war prisoners, but the Red Cross says there are still about 20,000 fraqi soldiers in Iran and at least 1,000 franians in Iraq. Iran says many of the remaining Iragis are Shiite Moslems who do oot want to return bome because they fear discrimination by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's gov-

OPEC summit seeks deal on oil output hike

By RICHRAD MABLY

JAKARTA (Reuters) - OPEC oil . producers began meeting yesterday a decide how much extra oil the cartel can pump without sending prices to the bargain basement.

Delegates were seeking a com-TEHRAN (AP) - Iran will soon promise between heavyweight Gulf big rise of more than two million barrels per day (bpd) in the group's output ceiling and others aiming for a more modest increase.

Some reported optimism about cutting a deal among the 11 member countries that account for almost 40 percent of global oil production and avoiding a price-damaging scrap over the spoils of any

output hike.
"There is a definite air of understanding," Sauth Oil Minister Ali Naimi told reporters at a formal opening session devoted to administrative matters.

He was referring to informal contacts held by ministers and other representatives ahead of the twice-

yearly conference, expected to last until Monday. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the

UAE are trying to convince other OPEC members that the group should raise its production ceiling to reflect recent actual OPEC sunply, as well as expected demand, for OPEC oil next year.

busting by some members has swelled OPEC's actual production to nearly three million bod above its long-ignored 25.033 million bod output ceiling set in 1993.

But some other OPEC members, such as Iran, are concerned that too much additional oil on world markets could undermine prices.

Reflecting Iran's concerns, Indonesian Oil Minister Ida Bagus Sudjana said some members preferred an increase in the group's ceiling to 26.5 million to 27 million

bpd.
"I have made consultation with OPEC ministers and some want OPEC to increase the production ceiling to 26.5 million barrels per

day to 27 million barrel per day," Sudjana said,

The possibility of a dispute over Asked if he would be happy with pro-rata, Kuwain Oil Minister Isa

Mazeedi replied: "I can't say, we "Most likely its going to be pro-

rata," said a senior OPEC delegate. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer, wants to reassert its authority on the argumentative car-tel with a formula that could raise its own output to its highest in nearly two decades.

Saudi Arabia told some other OPEC countries it was aiming at a production ceiling for the group

next year of 27.5 million barrels a day (bpd), a delegate said. Delegates said Riyadh was probahly floating the high number as an

opening gambit. "I think they may be prepared to compromise," the non-Gulf dele-

The Sun, Britain's largest-selling

daily, dubbed Spencer "Lord

Saudi representatives were not 'over 28 million bpd, an acknowlimmediately prepared to confirm their position, but Naimi said on how an increase in the ceiling Tuesday demand for OPEC oil might be divided up was played would be somewhere in excess of .

27 million bpd next year:
But his bullish sense of the world's need for OPEC oil faces resistance from some other mem-

And despite growing world oil demand, some traders say it will be hard for OPEC to sell a big quota rise to sceptical winter oil markets already facing uncertainty about Iraq's oil-for-food deal with the United Nations, which may be increased.

Although the arms inspection crisis between Iraq and the UN was defused last week, the scale and timing of the next period of the agreement remains unknown.

Iraq is allowed to sell \$2 billion of oil every six months in exchange for badly needed food and medi-

Gulf Arab delegates appear to accept eurrent production is at or

woman wronged by a philandering

"Both the prince and Earl Spencer

are clearly complex men who can

husband, Prince Charles.

estimates, saying: "It won't be as high as 28 (million)." Thanks to quota busting, a 10 percent rise in the official ceiling would mean an actual increase of a little more than -500,000 bpd in world supply, a level some traders say would not Saudi Arabia's range of demand depress prices.

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Tabloids revel at Diana's brother's divorce

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Russian 100 communists discuss Mideast

CAIRO (AP) – Russian commu-nist leader Gennady Zynganov met with Egypt's foreign minister Tuesday and discussed the stalled Middle East peace process and the crisis between Iraq and the United

Nations Russia endeavors to play an important role in the Middle East to give further support for achieving a peaceful settlement," Zyuganov said after meeting Minister Amr Moussa. He did not elaborate.

Zyuganov arrived in Cairo Monday on for a two-day visit. He next goes to Iraq for two days after a stopover in Amman.

Zyuganov, the head of the largest faction in the Russian parliament's lower house, was invited by the speaker of Egypt's parliament, the People's Assembly.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted Zyuganov as saying that Russia is satisfied with the efforts it made to prevent the Iraq-UN crisis from escalating into a military confrontation.

Russia's efforts made Iraqi President Saddam Hussein recall American and other experts working with the UN Special Commission in charge of eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. In femus, Russia has promised to work hard in order to get the UN economic sanctions lifted from Iraq.

"Schadenfreude" doesn't fit easily into a tabloid headline, but that feeling of glee at another's misfortune resounds from front-page reports on the divorce of Princess Diana's

Barely three months ago, Earl Spencer gave the global television audience watching his sister's funeral a full measure of his contempt for the press. He accused the media of "a permanent quest... to bring her down." And he vowed to be the uncle who would protect Diana's sons from the weight of the

traditions of the royal family. This week, he has been in court in Capetown, finding a former mis-tress allied with his wife, Victoria, and facing accusations of serial

"Will somebody pinch me?" wrote Allison Pearson in yesterday's Evening Standard. "Is this the same man who, at his sister's funeral just three months ago, lectured the Windsors on the loving conduct of family life? The same princes William and Harry would be safer in the embrace of the

Britain's national tabloids reveled in a letter Spencer allegedly wrote to former mistress Chantal Collopy, who is now siding with Victoria Spencer. The letter calls his marriage "a mismatch" and his wife an immature woman "who is incapable of dealing with a husband of strong character, except by going on hunger strike, an alcohol binge, or resorting to drugs." This story didn't require extra-

long lenses, surrounding someone's house or going through their garbage; oo paparazzi ehases through the streets. The text just fell into the public domain as part of a messy and bitter divorced proceed-

ing.
"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy," Virginia Blackburn wrote in *The Express*. "That devoted father and husband, that champion of women who have been abused by the family they married into, that upholder of traditional earl who implied that the souls of values with fiery and emotional

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Jane Moore, women's editor of be emotionally cold when it suits

Activists skate nude at Rockefeller Center

NEW YORK (AP) - Two animal rights activists shed their clothes at Rockefeller Center's famous ice skating rink Tuesday as part of a protest against fur coats by the People for the Ethical Treatment of

Nora Burns and Lisa Permut -nude from the waist up except for leopard-marking body paint, fake tails and ears - skated before a lunchtime crowd of gawking tourists before being escorted off the outdoor rink.

The two PETA members held a banner in front of them that read "Only Animals Should Wear Fur." Prosecutors decided the protesters had oot shown enough skin to violate public nudity laws. But the weather might

have been punishment enough — it was 3 Celsius.

"A few minutes of freezing cold does not compare to the three million animals who will be in cages in snow, sleet and rain," said Toni Vernelli, campaign coordinator for PETA.

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A time to change

Faced with a rapidly spiraling economic crisis, Asians begin to acknowledge the need for economic transformation

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Some Asian leaders reject the

need for introspection. At the

annual meeting of the Asian

Pacific Economic Cooperation

forum in Vancouver, British

Columbia, this week, Malaysian Prime Minister Mohammad

Mahatir renewed his charge that

Asia's financial troubles resulted from reckless currency specula-

tion by Western investors, rather

than from unsustainable Asian economic policies. Attempts to

discredit the Asian development

model, he has argued, are little more than gloating by Western "imperialists" who can't bear the

thought that non-Western soci-

have to pay for that."

By CLAY CHANDLER

WASHINGTON - For almost a decade, economists around the world have dehated the proposition that husiness and govern-ment leaders in East Asia bad discovered a new strain of capitalism more potent than the free market system so often trumpeted in America.

Pointing to the spectacular suc-cess of the Japanese economy since World War II, many experts discerned a uniquely Asian economic model that combined the dynamism of the market with the advantages of centralized government planning. This new system thrived, some admirers said, thanks partly to traditional Confucian virtues: bard work, collective enterprise and respect

But that notion now appears as feeble as Asia's stock and curren-

markets and governments around the region reluctantly accept financial bailouts, some freemarket boosters are gleefully pronouncing Asia's so-called miracle a myth.

The sudden flight of capital from the region demonstrates what we should have known about these economies all along that they bave no special magic," said Massachusetts Institute of Technology economist Paul Krugman.

Many Asians dispute that view, hut at the same time, they seem chastened. What is emerging in the aftermath of Asia's financial crisis is a growing recognition that, whatever its virtues, the Japanese-style development model also has many flaws.
Asia's economies are "long

overdue for a restructuring," said Viroj Phutrakul, vice chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries. "We overlinvested, and some of

cy markets. As global investors flee those

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more willing to concede that many of the region's current difficulties are a direct outerowth of the very social and political features that have long been regarded as its greatest strengths:

 Close cooperation between government and industry was once heralded for enabling longe overlnvested, and some of term planning and investment investments were ... rarely possible in the West. It has

become increasingly ohvious that such cozy relations are also vulnerable to exploitation by friends and relatives of political leaders.

· Informal lending practices were once touted as giving Asian firms more flexibility than allowed under the rigorous disclosure rules imposed on similar transactions in America. But the dearth of information released about financial dealings in Asia can also scare away investors worried about hidden risks.

 Government economic poli-cies designed to promote high savings rates and foster exports now draw criticism for slowing development of domestic mar-

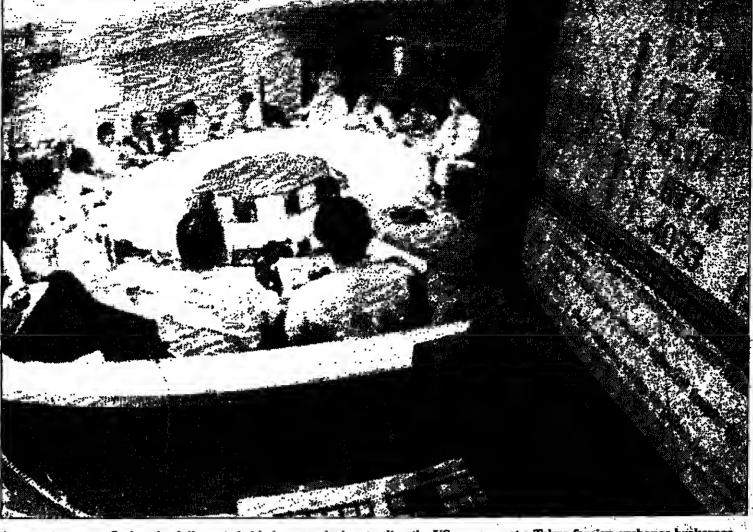
The Japanese experience has demonstrated to many in the region that an economic formula that works well in the early stages of development may be untenable in a mature economy.

"The Japanese model was a catcb-up model, but it was not a model for all seasons," said Clyde Prestowitz, head of the Washington-based Economic Strategy Institute and one of the first US observers to warn of an Asian challenge. "Now the model has gone bust, and the problem is that no one has figure problem is that no one has figured out how to change it."

South Korean business leaders, who have been among the closest students of the Japanese approach, also say they see a need for change. The model worked beautifully in the past, but now there is need for a significant adjustment," said Jae-Hyun Hyun, chairman of South Korea's Tong Yang Group.

The Japanese way shines out
as the failure," contends Alan

Sinai, chief economist at Primark Decision Economics. "As the other Asian countries think about how to respond from here, I think the model you'll see them attempt to emulate is the US



A computer screen flashes the dollar rate behind money dealers trading the US currency at a Tokyo foreign exchange brokerage . yesterday. Experts wonder whether the Japanese model can be emulated by so many Asian countries all at once.

Writing for the Atlantic Monthly in the late 1980s and early 1990s, journalist James Fallows derided American economists who insisted that the Asian model would run out of gas. The limits of the Japanese approach "are still purely theo-retical," Fallows declared in a May 1989 essay that poohpoohed the notion that Japan's expansion had somehow reached its zenith. "No symptom of slowdown can yet be observed. By every measurable indication corporate profit, personal sav-

ings, industrial productivity — Japan is distinctly on the rise." Japan's economic indicators began sliding the next year, and still have not recovered. The Nikkei stock average is worth less than half its 1989 peak of 38,916, and seven years after the collapse of Japan's speculative financial bubble, the nation's banks are just beginning to get serious about addressing a badloan problem estimated to be as large as \$800 hillion.

Some analysts also say Asia's financial crisis shows that the Japanese model works only as long as no one else adopts it. But because economies around Asia have pursued similar export-led strategies, the region is pumping out far more cars, television sets, computers and other products than the world can buy.

Many observers argue that the main failing of Asian executives and policy-makers is that, in their rush to catch up with Japan and

nations, they lost sight of the things they were doing right. In Thailand, Hong Kong, Indonesia and South Korea, once-sober executives plunged into wildly speculative investments in real the bottom line. And many engaged in the sort of conspicuous consumption that Asian leaders have often decried in the US.

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Even so, some analysts say those excesses hardly justify the big drop in their financial markets. Harvard University economist Jeffrey Sachs contends that the Asian economies are the victim of a "good old-fashioned bank run;" Just as global investors overesti-mated the region's strengths,

Sachs argues, they now are exaggerating their weaknesses...

"We can surely put to rest the notion that these economies were somehow superior to the rest of the world. But the markets have gone too far the other estate, art, golf courses and the way.... There is no good reason like, often with little regard for in the world for the utter reversal in confidence in these economies over the last two months."

Salomon Brothers Inc. economist Robert DiClemente disagrees. "Markets are markets," he says. "They demand respect and discipline. You follow the rules, you win. You break the rules, you lose ... To say that this is the madness of crowds, that's just not a credible story."
(The Washington Post)

Family of Luxor terrorist suffers the consequences

Ahdel-Rahman joined Egypt's most feared Moslem militant group after they gave him a joh selling sandwlcbes along the dirt lanes of this southern Egyptian

Seven years later, he and five other militants with AK-47 assault rifles shot and knifed to death 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians hefore heing killed in a shootout in the Luxor temple massacre.

His family and the Egyptian authorities are asking a disturbing question in a land where Moslem guerrillas are bent on toppling the government -

What pushed him? "When they first started hrainwashing him, his father used to tell him to come back. But he

By MICHAEL GEORGY

wouldn't listen," said his mother, Sa'd diya, sitting on the wall of a roofless mudhrick house with Midhat's sister and aunt.

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"One day in 1993, three bearded men came round and he said he was going on a hrief errand. We never heard from him again. Then we bought the newspaper after the Luxor attack and we

read his name," she said. Egypt's largest Moslem militant group, al-Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group), has claimed responsibility for the November 17 attack which was aimed at securing the release of its spiritual leader imprisoned in

the US. The 45-minute killing spree in the southern city of Luxor left Japanese, Swiss, Colombian and British tourists shot or hacked to death in the splendor of the Hatshepsut Temple.

The Interior Ministry identified Midhat Ahdel-Rahman as one of the six gunmen in the assault. It said he left Egypt in 1993 for Pakistan and Sudan, where he received military training and was involved with leaders of the Gama'a.

"He is one of them and is wanted for many previous attacks, with the case number 3812. He was arrested once before for attacking the guards of a police lieutenant-colonel in Qena," according to the min-

Midhat's odyssey to the Luxor temple slaughter began seven years ago, shortly after he completed military service and was eager to find work in this village

him a joh selling fava hean sandwiches to earn three pounds (90 cents) a day.

Midhat started growing his beard long and stopped watching television and listening to the radio, which he condemned as un-Islamic, the first clues that he would eventually join a holy war against the government.

Moslem militants have won scores of sympathizers in vil-lages like al-Badari by providing everything from johs to schoolbooks.

Midhat's family tried to dissuade him from joining the Gama'a, which in 1992 began targeting foreign tourists, Egyptian officials, Christians, and policemen in its bid to seize

wife and three young children. And his hrothers beat him in desperation.

But Midhat was determined to pursue a path that has led hundreds of Moslem militants to prison or military courts, which usually condemn them to the gallows.

Shortly after being released from two months in jail in 1993, he left al-Badari, where children in tattered clothes ride donkeys and women in hlack shawls carry clay water jugs on their

His family eventually lost hope of finding him. But the authorities did not. His relatives were soon caught up in the violent confrontation between the

Egyptian police had been hold-ing two of Midhat's hrothers in prison in the nearby city of Assiut in order to force him to surrender.

"Mohammed was arrested two and a half years ago and Abmed was jailed 10 months ago so that Midhat would come hack," said their mother.

"They have often arrested and beaten his father to try to get information on him," she said.

While the authorities are scrambling for information on Midhat and the other Luxor gunmen in their bid to crush the militants, his family wonders when their troubles will end. Midhat's two hrothers are still

in jail, according to relatives.

government and Moslem mili- His father, uncle and cousin 1 His father threatened to tants that has killed nearly 1,200 were detained after the Luxor. attack for questioning and have yet to he released, Assiut security sources said.

The armored personnel carrier flanked hy nervous policemen with hullet-proof vests and Kalashnikov rifles positioned nearby are a hitter reminder of the bloody struggle that claimed his life and left his family in ruins.

'He has destroyed our lives. My father had to stop working because of all our problems with the police, and our hrothers can't sell vegetables anymore to help support the family.
"We didn't cry when we beard

be was killed," said his sister Salwa.

"He sold as and now we are." selling him."

(Renters)

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So Shoval is being cautious in responding to the current offer, both as a result of the previous emharrassment, and because he fears that he will not receive the kind of backing from the prime minister that is required for dealing with such a delicate matter as relations with the US.



Shoval: Cautious (Jeremy Feldman)

A bridge to Baghdad

The breakdown in relations between Netanyahu and US President Bill Clinton was unnec-

Had the prime minister navigated the political arena as he had promised upon taking office a year-and-a-half ago, it would have been possible to steer the negotiations with the Palestinians differently.

For example, he could have obtained a more reasonable price than that which he intends to pay to Arafat in the form of the current redeployment, which has met with fierce opposition from the

Last year's elections left Arafat depressed and the American administration ill at ease for having rooted for Shimon Peres. Had the prime minister immediately delved into some serious Oslorelated work - hy mapping out possible permanent borders, for example - things would be differ-

He could have achieved silent agreement from Jordan's King Hussein on keeping the Jordan Valley under Israeli military control, at least for as long as the danger from the eastern front remained. He could have widened the belt agreed upon in the understanding between Mahmoud Abbas (Ahu Mazen) and Yossi Beilin to include Greater

Jerusalem. Had he presented a clear plan. the Americans would have backed it as a way of salvaging any part of the process possible. Even if they did not huy the whole package, they would have proposed a flexihle arrangement in the Jordan Valley; one which would include an assessment of the area every few years, taking any new developments on the eastern front into

account. The US understands that it is in its own interest, as well as Jordan's, for Israel to have control in the Jordan Valley, as this would prevent the area from becoming an "Arafatian hridge" from Ramallah to Bagbdad. This is hased on conversations with senior American administration

officials. Even trow, the situation is not beyond repair. The government can still implement a redeployment which would involve the transfer of between eight and 10

percent of Israeli-controlled territory to the Palestinians - with Clinton and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's consent - in order to begin final-status negotiations.

The third redeployment must be separate from these negotiations. must be generous, well thought out, and agreed upon by the US. This is to create a new status quo in the event that the negotiations

Such a package - which would include a continuation of Israel's military control in the Jordan Valley - could include a temporary halt of settlements, as demanded by the Palestinians and supported by the US.

To achieve such a goal, it is not enough for Netanyahu's credibility to be restored in Clinton's eves. What it requires is for the American administration to take the prime minister seriously again. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon tried to work on this while in Washington last week. But the problem with Netanyahu is that not only won't he let on which hand you should be offering him, in the end, he bites it.

In a telephone conversation I had this week, a senior Washington source said, "You know, it's incredible that the Jewish organizations bave completely stopped supporting your prime minister. There have been rough periods in relations between our two countries in the past, but the Jews have always stood hy Israel. Former US president George Bush's alienation of Shamir cost him his second term. In this case, there is no trace of

such [a response]. For months the US administration attributed Netanyahu's performance to inexperience. White



Clinton: Wants generous redeployment

House advisers who bad reminded Clinton that it had taken time for him to get organized when he first took office, too, and that Netanyahu would come around. have lost hope in the last few

months Netanyahu, who knew very well how to imitate Clinton during the "hot videotape" affair, would do well to imitate the reorganization that the president undertook during his second year in the White House, by removing his friends and replacing them with top-notch professionals.

Maybe Shoval is a step in this direction. Since taking office, the prime minister has been lacking someone in his inner circle who would look him squarely in the

Someone who would tell him occasionally: "Mr. Prime Minister, the idea you raised is great. Give me three hours to consider its consequences." Perhaps this would have prevented some of his problems.

Shoval is capable of speaking not only to Netanyahu at eyelevel, but to ministers and the Americans as well. And someone like Shoval might be just the person to remind the Americans - not from the hip, the way it was done recently - that "Bill needs Bihi just as much as Bibi needs Bill."

Preventive medicine

This week, four months late, the prime minister finally appointed a military secretary. Brig.- Gen. Mati Harari is considered by the IDF to be on the ball. He is a kibbutznik. He is close to the chief of general staff and trusted by the head of intelligence. His true test will be in his ability to win the trust of the prime minister.

The niming of this appointment is definitely related to the upcoming conclusions of the commission investigating the Mashaal Affair.

This week the prime minister testified before the Knesset subcommittee on secret services for nearly three hours. The conversation focused on the decision-making process in his office. Netanyahu will not be found responsible for the screw-up in Amman. But he cannot shirk responsibility for the functioning of his office where security is concerned.

He will not be able to ignore the sharp statements of the former military secretary, Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne, who emphasized the need for a well-staffed military secretary's office due to the prime minister's lack of experience.

In the past, there were prime ministers who read raw intelligence material obsessively, like Yitzhak Shamir and Yitzhak Rahin, who entered into every minor operational detail. Shimon Peres settled for knowing the big picture, but he made sure his assistants focused on the lines and on everything between the lines. But Netanyahu reads very little

material relating to economics,

foreign policy, or even defense. The intelligence reports which reach him are filtered. His office is kept virtually in the

dark by the Foreign Ministry. Mayhem reigns. Clinton bad a similar problem

when he entered the White House, But the CIA puts together a daily presidential briefing on the most sensitive material it gathers. The six- or seven-page document is brought to the White House every morning at dawn by an armored convoy from CIA headquarters in

Only six pairs of eyes see it those of the president, the vice president, the national security adviser, the assistant national security adviser, the vice president's security adviser, and the chief of secret services. Without this briefing, no one in the White House would dare make any secu-

rity-related decision. In Israel there is danger of various elements manipulating intelligence reports. The prime minister doesn't even know which reports he has the right to see. The committees investigating the Mashaal Affair are going to examine this

Important to note

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky returns from Europe today to give momentum to a renewed effort to establish a national unity government. Sharansky is worried not only by having Lieberman - who will begin fervently courting the

Russian vote - breathing down his neck. He wants national unity because be thinks that's the only way to make progress on important national issues.

The political establishment is casting aspersions on Labor Party leader Ehud Barak's willingness to join such an effort, which is likely to assist in Netanyahu's recovery. But a senior American source in Washington told me that



Sharansky: Wants unity

he heard from someone in Barak's inner circle who had come to Washington that there is no ruling

out such an option. Along these lines, last week MK Reuven Rivlin met with Ahbas in the bome of Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny.

Abbas, for the first time, confirmed to a member of the Likud that Beilin's interpretation of their joint document is not baseless. This might not cause Rivlim to sign the document, but it did inspire him to apologize to Beilin for having called his efforts a "pipe dream." Perhaps this, too, bodes well





Poet with a punch

By Helen Kaye

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the first day of her creative writing class at Rutgers University, Alicia Ostriker tells her students to write what you are afraid to write. Whatever you are ashamed to think, feel or say, whatever is unpoetic, that is your material."

Ostriker is a poet, and such is the material of her poems. She writes about anything, everything, and spears unflinching to its heart, whether her subject is dogs on the beach, a burn, the massacre at Babi Yar, her daughter's marriage or her own mastectomy

She will be here next week to give a talk, to read from her latest book, and to present the prizes to the four winners of Voices' 8th International Reuben Rose Memorial Poetry Competition, of which she was the judge. (Dvora Kreda-Geller won first prize; Linda Rogers and Gretti Izhak came second and third, respectively.)

Her latest book is The Crack in Everything (1996) which was nominated for the National Book Award, and for which she has just received the Patterson Prize. She has published another eight volumes of poetry, receiving more prestigious awards along the way, as well as the scholarly books you'd expect from a lady who has taught at Rutgers since 1965, where she is currently Professor

Il of English, a rank she describes as "a grade above full professor."

"A poem is not simply a pouring out of one's inner self," she says. "It is a shaping, a finding of the right form, the right language. the true metaphors. The function of poetry is to bring nonverbal human experience into language, and to make that language live." And poetry has been part of her life ever

since she can remember. Born in Brooklyn in 1937, "I grew up a third generation atheist Jew in a workingclass family. We lived in the projects, on the East River [of Manhattan] until I was 11, and then we inoved to Dickman House in upper Manhattan where I went to high school."

Both Ostriker's parents were college educated, and had planned on teaching careers, but this was the Depression. Her father, David Susskin, ended up as a playground director. Her mother, Beatrice Linnick, was a

"She was born to teach," Ostriker recalls, "but jobs were scarce and so they had requirements. One of these was that you had to be at least five foot tall, and my mother was under five feet."

She continues: "Poetry was never a foreign language for me. My mother wrote poetry



Alicia Ostriker

herself, and read me poetry. I was reciting poems before I could read and write. I wrote poems all through school that appeared in the

Her first published poem was in the literary magazine Sewanee Review when she was in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, where she got her doctorate in 1964. Her dissertation was on William Blake, and she annotated an anthology of his poems in 1977.

Blake, because "he's probably the strongest influence on my ideas. He's the at heterodox visionary. His works unify all the spheres, politics, religion, the body, history, everything is in his poems. His ideas are deeply, deeply radical in their antiauthoritarianism, and so are mine in ways that may not be visible."

Other than Blake "the canonical male poets" influenced her work in the early years: Keats, Whitman, Allen Ginsberg, William Carlos Williams (she won the prestigious WCW poetry prize for The Imaginary Lover in 1986). It was only in the mid-70s that "I began reading women poets voraciously. A lot of what had been happening in feminism had aheady happened by the time I blinked my eyes, and saw it was there."

Ostriker cites preoccupation with Blake as her excuse, but she has made up for it with the three books on women and their poetry she has published since 1983. Between 1960 and 1980, "when women were coming out of the closet physically and culturally, there was an explosion of women's poetry.

There were differences between men's and women's poetry. Women wrote about the body with more intimacy, and women's poetry worked to overturn the dualism of Western culture which seeks to divide rather than unite. Today there's less difference between men's and women's writing. Many of the qualities in women's poetry have influenced the mainstream."

A Crack in Everything epitomizes what she believes about poetry. It is deeply personal and as deeply universal. Not all the poems are marvelous, but each of them, and I think especially if the reader is a woman, evokes that sudden crack of recognition. This holds, whether she writes tenderly of a fellow artist's creative crisis, "Certain women survive/Their erotic petals and pollen, grasp dirt, bite stone/Muntering I can't go on, I'll go on...," or speaks of married love in a wedding poem to her newly wedded daughter as "different from everything else ... Difficult dongerous life, we are up to our eyeballs/In it. we'll never stop."

Or finally the poems on the mastectomy she underwent in 1990 in which she goes the gamut from terror to acceptance to joy again. Ostriker explains the mastectomy poems, saying: "I wrote them as I write any other big poem, knowing that I have a theme that is important and meaningful to me, and will be so to others if I can explore its depths and bring it to form and language, in all its com-

As she tells her students that their first task is the kill the internal censor, so Ostriker is not embarrassed to write about her personal experiences "because we are thirsty for the kind of intimacy that poems can bring us. I am a child of [Walt] Whitman who said, 'through me forbidden voices,' and I love Shostakovich's saying that 'art destroys

She has two daughters, a son, and a threeyear-old granddaughter. She loves to travel and to to draw, but "I am almost always working, teaching or writing. Until I was 40, when people asked me what I did, I used to say, 'I teach English.' But today I say with pride, Tam a poet."

Prof. Ostriker's visit is sponsored by the American Library, part of the United States Information Service, which previously sponsored her visit to the 1993 world congress of Poets in Haifa. She will give a poetry workshop at Ulpan Akiva in Netanya on

An apocalyptic border

By Anne-MarieO'Connor

arlos Fuentes has called the U.S.-Mexico border "a scar." He has fictionalized it as an apocalyptic no-man's land called Mexamerica.

And now, in The Crystal Frontier, the acclaimed Mexican novelist revisits the border and finds a powerful new prism for the relationship between two countries - and the front lines of a potentially decisive encounter between two

The border is an exciting opportunity to create a culture of understanding between two nations. It is the meeting ground, not just between the United States and Mexico, but between the United States and all of Latin America," Fuentes says. "We have a great opportunity to either foster understanding, interchange and culture - or to condemn each other to suspicion, violence, even murder, xenophobia and genocide."

During a recent stop at his idyllic home in a suburban neighborhood of Mexico City, Fuentes (who lives much of the year in London) characterized anti-immigrant backlash, both in the United States and Europe, as a dangerous resurgence of racism deeply embedded in Western society.

"After the history of the 20th century - which is one of the most bratal, violent centuries on human record - to resurrect the ghost of xenophobia, racism, hatred of the other, is exposing oneself once more to the worst crimes of our he says. "One would have thought these lessons had been learned." He finds the backlash reflective of a general amnesia over the birth of a vast stretch of the border region, during the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) when the States seized a huge chunk of Mexican territory.

"Let us not forget that the U.S. Southwest was once part of Mexico, and the Hispanic roots are very deep. The Anglos are the newcomers, and no one asked them for green cards when they arrived in the Southwest." Nine interwoven short stories. The Crystal Frontier is a crossroads for a grass-roots globalism that Puentes sees as reaching into the hearts of both countries.

. The author follows immigrants who push the border - and the love-hate relationship between the United States and its illegal servants - as far north as Chicago, where an elderly woman repays the kindness of her Mexican caretaker with ethnic slurs. And south to a Guanajuato village where everyone lives on dollars sent back by emigrant

Fuentes introduces nouveau riche Leonardo Barroso, a decadent, rinhless'. border business baron who marries his son to a luscious young woman so he can take her as his lover. And Fuentes unveils the working girls of Barroso's factories, who trade suffocatingly poor villages for border jobs and cope gamely with low wages and sexual harass-

Fuentes's border is as transparent as the plate glass that, in one chapter of his novel, separates a handsome undocumented Mexican janitor and a lonely businesswoman. And porous enough for anything - drugs, language, people, culture - to cross.

It is not the first time Fuentes has used the border as a metaphor for the divisions between people. Previously, it has symbolized the frontiers between the races, between men and women and life and death, or the battles his characters fight with themselves.

Nor is it the first time Fuentes has found an alchemy of economic dispariconflicts in the dregs of Manifest Destiny, or used his characters to explain Mexico to the United States and vice versa.

Fuentes - who turned 69 on November 11 - said his lifelong impulse to translate between the two cultures began when he was four and his diplomat father moved the family to Washington, D.C. Fuentes attended attended grade school there for seven years, with summers in Mexico.

"I had to start explaining myself to gringos and trying to understand them

myself," he recalls He has offered his insights on Latin America to President Clinton, whom he finds "very intelligent, not one of those boorish US politicians" like Jesse Helms or "that loudmouth" Pat Buchanan.

Fuentes recommended that Clinton normalize relations with Communist

Fidel Castro has survived because the United States has kept him in power," Fuentes says. "The biggest card in his hand is, 'Look, I am defending you against the US imperialists." Unlike his friend Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Colombia's Nobel laureate, Fuentes is not a friend of Castro's. He believes Che Guevara would be surprised to find himself the official patron saint of a revolution "that has failed in so many aspects he held close to his heart. He would not like to see a country that lives on tourism by day and prostitution by night." Fuentes says he still has not forgiven a "Cuban skunk apparatchik" for denouncing him as a traitor in the 1960s after he accepted an invitation (from Arthur Miller) to attend a PEN conference in the States. In an ironic testimony to the vagaries of the Cold War, Fuentes was banned from the States during the same era, under the McCarran-Walter Act, a McCarthy-era relic whose list of suspicious foreigners once included such distinguished writers as Garcia Marquez, Pablo Nernda and Graham Greene.

"I was in happy company," Fuentes says, smiling.

Even if he criticizes US policy toward Latin America, Puentes professes "enormous" identification with US culture.

Like Garcia Marquez and others behind the Latin literature boom, Fuentes acknowledges a great debt to Faulkner and other writers from the United States. Without them, he said, "there would be no modern Latin American novel or

"And jazz!" he added. "You can't think of the work of Julio Cortazar without invoking Charlie Parker and Louis Armstrong." This Janus-faced view is a

among Latin intellectuals. "We view the United States as a kindly cultural Dr. Jekyll that gives you jazz and films and poetry by day, and a horrible Mr. Hyde that appears by night and ravages our

"In Latin America traditionally, especially under dictatorships, if the writer did not speak, no one would." Fuentes says. "So writers have been called upon to speak for the voiceless. That gave the writer a special weight, a star quality."

In the United States, novelists - like scientists and intellectuals - are increasingly overshadowed by Hollywood celebrities. In Fuentes's eyes, a host of pressing US social problems - like the widening gap between the rich and poor - are given similarly short shrift.

"It is more important to know whether Sharon Stone wears underwear or not than how much a black family makes in Jesse Helms's state" of North Carolina. Fuentes says. "Most of the news is about show business and the comings and goings of movie stars. This cult of celebrity sweeps social problems under the rug, and that means the problems will explode someday." Fuentes has had his own encounters with Hollywood.

There was his brief affair with illstarred actress Jean Seberg, which inspired his erotic novel Diana, The Goddess Who Hunts Alone. There was the cinematic version of The Old Gringo, Fuentes's mythlike tale of the mysterious disappearance of Ambrose Bierce during the Mexican revolution. The film emerged as an almost absurd caricature. Fuentes says he declined to

He is returning to one of The Old Gringo's most compelling themes - the relationship between men and women in his next novel.

"I think it's a big theme in life," Fuentes says. "Mexican society is founded on very chauvinistic principles inherited from the Aztecs, the Spaniards and the Arabs. We have a triple misogynistic inheritance that is very hard to overcome." He said it intrigues him that women writers - he named Sandra Cisneros, Amy Tan, Toni Morrison, Cristina Garcia - have emerged at the forefront of a new wave of multicultural

"I am fascinated by the evolution of the changing status of women [in Mexico]," he says, "I'm trying to reflect all the changes that have taken place which have given women more independence, more political clout, more personality in Mexican society. Today you see a presence of women - in politics, business, teaching, the arts, literature - that was inconceivable 50 years ago."

(Los Angeles Times)

Woman behind the artist

THE CRACK IF EXERYPHING by a said Shostakovitch All poets are Jews, – Alicia Ostriker. Piusburgh, University of said Tsvetaeva," meaning that Jews are adept Pittsburgh Press. 101pp. \$10.95.

By Mike Scheidemann

thing/ That's how the light gets in," Leonard Cohen tells us.

Alicia Ostriker has published seven books of poetry, which have been translated into several languages including Hebrew, Arabic and Japanese. She has won numerous awards and endowments; and though lauded by the American intellectual establishment, she has her inmition aligned with the beat of American life. Nor has she forgotten her Jewish heritage. Her poem "8th & 13th" won the 1994 Anna Rosenberg Award for poems on the Jewish experience: "__At Leningrad/... Three million dead were born/Out of Christ's bloody side. Like icy/Fetuses."

Only someone hounded by Holocaust memories could write this. "Most of my symphonies are tombstones,

But this is not a morbid book. It is a celebration through acute observation of our fellow beings. "As if there could be a world of absolute innocence/In which we forget ourselves...

When she allows herself, Ostriker can be richly sensual: "Black dogs, tan dogs./ Tubes of glorious muscle-/ ...Shining wet with pas-sionate speed/ For nothing./ For absolutely nothing but joy."

All mature poets desire to impart some wisdom: "You remember the extremes! Wittgenstein says/ There is no such thing as ordinary/ Experience...."

She turns to every conceivable experience; on giving birth: "It frightened him so tearibly he wanted/ To tell the obstetrician if he had a choice/ To let the baby go and save his wife." Ostriker's best is a happy combination of homor and irony. She is a master of understatement. Why should a mature poet get

overly intense about everything? "I'd watch your eyes that learned bewilderment/ When all you loved/ Stopped meeting your free, From modern life she creates modern poet-

"The creatures gamble on the whirl of life! And every adolescent body hot! Enough to sweat it out on the dance floor/is a labora-

Ezra Pound claimed that the only place for a sane man in America was a lunatic asylum. Ostriker does not concur. "And when you find yourself secretly peeking/ Through the window bars at menstrual red sunsets/ You decide you cannot tolerate the other loonies. another day! So you behave sanely and

Ostriker transmutes the rough stuff of life into gems of poetic experience, but this anthology really reveals something of the woman behind the artist. Therein lies its charm. "I thought you sliced me like green honeydew/ Or like pomegranate full of seeds/ Tart as Persephone's...." Honesty is her hallmark.

STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

1. The Partner by John Grisham, Dell, Arrow.

2. Power Plays: Politika by Tom Clancy. Penguin,

Secrecy by Belva Plain. Dell, Coronet.

Lying on the Couch by Irvin D. Yalom. Harper Perennial.

My Gal Sunday by Mary Higgins Clark. Pocket.

God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. HarperCollins.

Survival of the Fittest by Jonathan Kellerman. Little Brown.

8. Mistress of Spices by Chitra B. Divakaruni. Biack Swan.

9. The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks. Bantam.

3001: Final Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke. Harper Collins, Del Rey.

BOOK BYTES

By day Keri Beevis works for a ine that an author is entitled to as many free copies of his book as he chooses to claim from the publishshe writes horror fiction on a computer in her bedroom.

The 25-year-old author recently signed a £750,000 contract, said to be highest ever advance paid out to a first-time author in Britain. None the less, the publishers Buckley Bennion "consider it to be a wise investment" for a three-book deal. Hollywood is in the wings ready to turn the trilogy into screenplays, which could spin over £3 million.

Beevis's first book, When the Pen Writes, written in six weeks, is about two friends who write horror stories that are mysteriously copied by a kaller in real life. "I like to think that I have a really vivid imagination and always go for a twist in the tale," says Beevis, who writes under a pen name Keri Leigh. "My main inspira-tion" was all sorts of horror films." Incidentally, while in school, Beevis twice failed her basic O-level examination in English.

IERUSALEM-based author Barbara Sofer won the Association of Jewish Libraries' Sydney Taylor Award in the young children's divi-sion for her book, Shalom, Haver, Goodbye, Friend (Kar-Ben Copies). The book is a photo album commemorating the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Many of the rare photographs were borrowed from Rabin's sister, 300 words of English and Hebrew text on the theme of friendship complement the pictures. Also, Sofer's first novel, The Thirteenth Hour (Signet), will soon

able in Israel in time for Hannkka. NIGEL NICOLSON, writing in Britain's Sunday Telegraph, observes that "people who are not writers themselves are apt to imag-

be published in paperback and avail-

er." Such people are deeply distressed when, in reply to a request for a free copy, the author suggests they buy the book. The convention, writes Nicolson, is that publishers are obliged to give authors only six complimentary copies of their work. Additional copies may be bought at reduced rates. On the other hand there are authors who freely dole out their books. The writer hopes for a favorable mention or review. Often the unwilling recipients are well-known people. Whenever this hap-pened to the late British prime minister Harold Macmillan, he repeated his stock formula, "Thank you for your book. I look forward to reading it."

THE OLD adage not to judge a book by its cover should, in some cases, also apply to titles. Eric Naiman's title Sex in Public (Princeton University Press) is a swiz, to put it mildly. A closer look reveals the work to be a study of "early Soviet ideology." Naiman investigates Soviet crime, disease and, oh yes, sex in the form of "the ideological importance of the female body." That kind of kills the libido.

A LOINCLOTH advertised in the upmarket J. Peterman clothing catalog inspired the editors of Andrews and McMeel to publish a satirical version. The J. Pretension Catalog: A Very Tasteful Parody contains nearly 100 entries illustrated by Peterman-like sketches. Among the garments shown are a "virtual reality coat, guaranteed to make you as attractive off-line as on," and "the Sing-Sing shirt... One size: Large. One color. Gray. You got a problem

David Brauner

with that?"

HARDCOVER Fiction 1. The Ghost by Denielle Steel. (Detacorte \$25.95.) On a trip to New England, a man finds answers to his

2. Cat & Mouse by James Patterson. (Little, Brown \$24.95.) Alex Cross versus two serial killers.

problems in an old trunk.

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A Confederate soldier journeys home to meet an old love.

4. Violin by Ann Rice (Knool \$25.95.) From 19th-century Visona to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music.

5. The Matarese Countdown by Robert Ludium. (Bantam \$27.50.) A CIA officer struggles to thwart the return of an international cabal.

6. The Letter by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster \$15.95.) In the last volume of the "Christmas Box" trilogy, the Parkin family recovers from the loss of a daughter.

7. Another City, Not My Own by Dominick Dunne. (Crown \$25.) The O.J. Simpson murder trial as witnessed and participated in by a 8. Lucky You by Carl Hisasen. (Knopf \$24.) A journalist undertakes

9. Come the Spring by Julie Garwood. (Pocket \$24.) The visit of a stranger to the Claybornes' reunion threatens to spoil the tamily's happiness.

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10. Comanche Moon by Larry McMurty (Simon & Schuster \$28.50.) Two Texas Rangers battle deliant Comanche Indians.

HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.

2. The Dark Side of Camelot by Seymour Hersh. (Little, Brown \$26.95.) A journalist's reappraisal of the private and public life of

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996,

4. Angele's Ashes by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.

5, Citizen Soldiers by Stephen E. Ambrosa. (Simon & Schuster Normandy to the Bulge to Germany's surrender. 6. The Man Who Listens to

Horses by Monty Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer. 7. The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the noreaster of 1991.

8. Diana: Her True Story - In Her Own Words by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster \$22.95.) The expanded.

9, Conversations with God: Book 1 by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) Questions of good and evil, guilt and sin. 10. Dirty Jokes and Beer by Drew Carey. (Hyperion \$22.95.) Observations on his life and life in

general by the comedian.

PAPERBACK Fiction

BESTSELLERS

The New York Times

1. Wizard and Glass by Stephen King. (Plume \$17.95.) Volume 4 of The Dark Tower, a series about time and a heroic past.

Unifinished Symphony by V.C. Andrews. (Pocket \$7.50.) Melody Logan goes to California in quest of her missing mother and steplather.

Sey You Love Me by Johanna Lindsey. (Avon \$6.99.) In Regency England, a penniless orphan finds love after being hired as a mald.

(Ballantine \$7.99.) A reporter searches for a woman who claims to know a secret about the plane crash

4. Sole Survivor by Dean Koontz.

5. Total Control by David Baldacci (Warner Vision \$7.50.) A woman's efforts to find her husband reveals 6. Jack & Jill by James Patterson. (Warner Vision \$7.50.) Alex Cross on the trail of serial killers in

7. Airtrame by Michael Criction, (Balantine \$7.99.) A young woman probes a plane's near disaster on its way from Hong Kong to Deriver.

8. A Virtuous Woman by Kaye Gibbons. (Vintage \$10.) The daughter of Carolina gentry finds

Politika created by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg, (Berkley \$7.50.) In 1999, an American contends with terrorists threatening his business in Russia.

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Keep inflation and spending in check

Tinance Mioister Yaakov Neeman hit the nail on the head when be said, "Unemployment is the number one problem in Israel today. To achieve a solution there must be a reduction in government expenditures, to allow the private sector to create jobs." Rather than continuing to dodge the barbs from the "social caucus" regarding unemployment. Neeman is correctly meeting them head-on. The budget debate has shifted from whether unemployment is the key problem to

who has the real solution for bringing it

Unemployment, according to the third-quarter figures just released, has hit a three-year high of 8.1 percent. The psychologically important barrier of 8 percent has been broken, but we are still considerably below the 11 percent high reached in 1992. The new figures not only merit concern, but action. The question is, as Neeman said, whether the correct medicine is the course of fiscal restraint proposed by the government or the spendingas-usual demanded by the social caucus.

Now that Neeman has faced the fact that reducing unemployment is a - perhaps the major goal of government economic policy. he should badger the social caucus into admitting that combating inflation is as important an objective. Listening to the industrialists rail against high interest rates in the name of fighting unemployment, one might think that inflation created jobs. In fact, as Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel will point out until he goes hoarse, inflation does not create jobs, it destroys them - while eating away at the salaries of the weaker sectors, to boot.

If there is ever a time when businesses tend to shelve plans for expansion, it is when inflation is high. Inflation wreaks havoc with costs and with public spending babits, creating an uncertain business climate. The fact that some industrialists think a bit of inflation is good - perhaps because their salaries are inflation-linked and those of their workers are. not - should hardly be a reason for the social caucus to take up the same cry.

On Sunday, International Monetary Fund Vice-President Stanley Fischer stated that inflation io Israel could well fall to a 29-year low of 7% next year if current fiscal and monetary policies are maintained. This is good news for everyone, but primarily for the enforcing this rule, it will be a real achieveweaker sectors, whose standard of living is ment for this government and for the national eaten away at both ends by inflation.

The Bank of Israel, not surprisingly, acted in tune with Fischer's statement by boldiog fast on interest rates. At bis Monday announcement, Frenkel cited the uncertainty in world financial markets and the need to reduce inflation in line with the 1998 government target of 7%-10%.

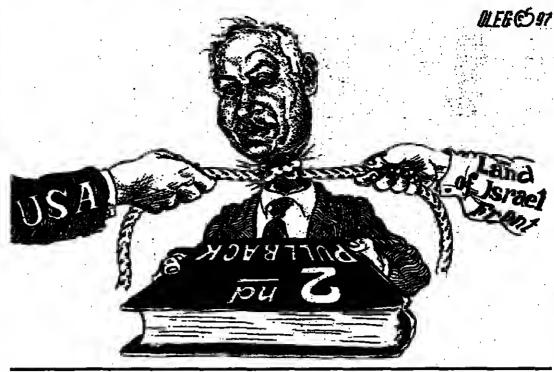
Inflation is currently running at about 8.5%, but Frenkel is aimiog for the lower eod of the target and beyood. As he pointed out, the government bas a goal of reducing inflation to some 4% by 2001, which would bring Israel in line with the ioflation levels among Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries.

The central bank used the interest-rate announcement to reiterate another selfimposed economic target: a growth rate of 5%. If this is achieved with spending and inflatioo kept under control, the economy will suddenly become a job-creation engine. The bank's goals, therefore, should oot be thought of as some stern edict from greeo-eyeshaded dictators on high, but as the sustainable, loogterm approach toward reducing unemployment and increasing standards of living across the board.

To achieve this goal, the bank warned that "Particular caution is needed concerning the budget framework and the deficit, on which the government has already decided, and on the wage agreements." Unfortunately, the government is headed into oext mooth's annual budget battle in a weakened state, so it will be especially tough to hold the line. A critical composent of holding that line should be to take the wind out of the speod-till-youdrop rhetoric of the social caucus by showing how it hurts the very people it claims to belp.

It is always possible to argue io good faith about this or that budget cut. Parties, ministers, or MKs would not be doing their job if they did not vigorously defend the interests they represent. At the same time, each has a responsibility not to ignore the broader, longterm economic interests of the nation, including their constituents. Those interests demand that anyone who resists one cut, must propose an alternative, so that the overall budget targets are met or exceeded, without resorting to new taxes.

If Netanyahu and Neeman succeed in



War of the Jews

ed by Jupiter, or Jove as his underlings called him behind his back, the entire pantheon of currently unemployed Roman gods will surely be rocking with laughter today. Playing out before their eyes is a re-run of the tragic war of the Jews which led to the destruction of the Second Temple and their exile from the Promised Land for close on 2,000 years.

Then it was Herod who spawned the self-destructive seeds of disaster by rushing off to Rome in evoke the help of the emperor to guarantee his role as King of the Jews. The rest is history. The Romans, using Herod as their Trojan horse, turned the land of Israel into a Roman colony and exploited the bitter in-fighting among the stiff-necked Hebrews by

oearly exterminating them. Today, so-called "peace loving" US Jewish leaders, egged on by fel-low-minded Israelis such as the acute of hearing Shimon Peres and his comrades-in-arms, along with Martin Indyk, oow Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, are following the same disastrous course pursued by

It was Indyk, who when ambassador to Israel moved heaven and earth to persuade President Bill Clinton to support Peres instead of Binyamin Netanyahu in the 1996 elections.

Although he failed disastrously, Indyk continued to ignore his jole as a neutral in local affairs. He wish to sway members of the Neutralian government to make conciliatory. concessions towards Yasser Arzfat in order to revive the Oslo Accords, no matter bow blatantly the PLO leader failed to live up to a single one of his commitments made when he signed the agreement.

It was not so much this issue, but rather the vexed "who is a Jew" problem which prompted Netanyahu to undertake his recent trip to Indianapolis. He explained to the general assembly of the Jewish federations' 3,000 delegates how he was trying, thanks to the patient skills of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman to reach a compromise on this issue by the 31st of January.

Many US Jewish leaders have called oo their communities to cease making contributions to Israel over this issue, even though there is a strong belief that a com-

flesh-eating friends call

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promise will be found. True, their protests are legitimate. But also legitimate is the fact that Netanyahu is the prime minister of Israel, and that the majority of its citizens see the conversion issue as only one part of the ongoing secu-lar-religious divide which has always been a source of friction in

Many US Jews are being manipulated by Israeli left-wing politi-

The daggers are out and the obituaries are being prepared for Netanyahu

cians, and their American sympathizers, to use this issue as a launching pad to attack Netanyahu for not making progress on the Palestinian issue even though the Oslo Accords are moribund. They are simply echoing the hysterical deluge of anti-Netanyahu mud-slinging by virtually the entire Israeli media. This is reinforced by the whispers from the plethora of left-wing

who be 1 destruction of the lewish state. THE worst example of Netanyahu

bashing is the canaid that Middle Eastern Arab states refused to reestablish the 1991 anti-Saddam Hussein edalition because of Israeli State Madeleine Albright's lightning visit to the area failed because . of right-wing policies in Israel. Yet it is forgottenithat there was no such problem with the previous Likud administrating under Yitzhak Shamir six years ago. "Clinton and Albright are turning

up the pressure against. Netanyahu, was the thrust of a fur-ther barrage of leaked comments made in the past few days both by Israeli media and US officials. It is impossible to know precisely

from where these leaks spring. In his new high-profile role, Indyk has certainly not suddenly changed his views that Peres would be a better prime minister than Netanyahu. Nor is there any doubt that Albright, still feeling her way in her new job, cannot be pleased at being given a total brush-off in her efforts to sway the one-time US . Arab friends" to support Clinton.

Yet as this column discovered during Netanyahu's recent visit to the US, it soon became clear that both Clinton and his deputy, Al Gore, are more sympathetic towards Israel and its position than are the vociferous voices of many American Jewish leaders. As an example, the negative Netanyahu sentiments allegedly expressed by Clintoo within the hearing of Shimon Peres's super sharp sensitive ears have been denied by the White House.

Senior US officials also rejected reports, both in Israel and the US, that Clinton threatened Netanyahu with getting really tough unless Netanyahu produced a credible timetable for further West Bank troop withdrawals. And there was a denial too about threats made by Albright in the same vein.

As this column beard at first hand, the hue and cry about the two men not meeting when both visited California during Netanyahu's US visit, is total nonsense. We discovered that there was these was no presidential smill massaches. Chanon was taking a little time off from his heavy White House duties to relax in the Malibu area.

Back here in Israel, the daggers are out and the obituaries are being prepared for Netanyahu, if one were to take Israeli press reports seriously, such as that published in intransigence over the Palestinian Ha aretz two days ago with what issue. It is said that Secretary of can only be called admirable leftwing Objectivity: This government is clinically dead." Maybe or maybe not. Either

way Jove and his fellow Roman deities in their retirement residence. wherever that might bet most certainly will be laughing their heads off at the supidity of the squabbling Jews, who have learnt nothing from the grim lesson taught them 2,000 years ago.

The writers are Jerusalem Post

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LARRY DERFNER

only we could all come together. If only we could speak with One Voice.
Then the Palestinians would see

that we're united, determined, and they would have no choice but to give in to us. Then we would bave peace.

Most Israelis still believe this I'm sure Bibi Netanyahu believes it. Ehnd Barak at least pretends to. It's an old Israeli pipe dream. but one that's taken on new meaning and urgency. It even has a slogan that goes perfectly with the current national mood: "We have to make peace among ourselves before we can make peace with our neighbors." Irresistible. To believe in it, all anybody needs to do is forget Israeli-Palestinian history, and who doesn't want to

This "peace among ourselves" line isn't just a platitude, either, it's a code for a fairly detailed political program, and a very popular one.

It says that Israel would be better off with a national unity gov-

Labor and Likud, religious and secular - everybody but the

Arabs. A consensus, A wall. It also says that this national unity government should offer the Palestinians much less than would Meretz, but more than would the National Religious

Somewhere around the latitude of The Third Way or the left-wing of the Likud.

The deal would be roughly this: Israel keeps all of "Greater Jerusalem," the Jordan Valley, all the settlements, plus whatever's needed for water, safe transportation and security. Whatever's left in between, the Palestinians can

We can play bail with the Palestinians, or we can go on playing with ourselves

Now this is an arrangement that just about all Israelis could support it is in basically what Netanyahu has in mind, and Barak as well. Why can't they get together? There would be no more of this shricking and tearing of the hair that we saw when the Rabin-Peres government seemed prepared to give up nearly everything going back to the 1967 border.

The obvious criticism of the plan, though, is that the Palestinians wouldn't accept it. It gives them a "Swiss cheese country," a collection of cantons cut off from one another, nothing that could be called a viable state. It leaves them with settlers looking down at them fmm everywhere. It doesn't give them the tiniest foothold in Jerusalem, either. This isn't even close to what they have in mind.

But, say the adherents of Peace Among Ourselves, why are we always worrying about what the Palestinians will or won't accept, instead of worrying about what's acceptable to us? If we try to satisfy the Palestinians, we'll eat ourselves alive, like we did under Rabin and Peres, like we're still doing.

.Why don't we finally stop fighting each other and stand together against the common enemy? If there's one thing we know from our history, it's that when we are united we cannot lose, and when we are divided we can only lose.

And here is where the Peace Among Ourselves movement gets it wrong. Here is where they conveniently blot history out of their minds.

FOR a quarter-century after the Six Day War, Israelis were united against the Palestinians. We stood together as one, with marginal exceptions on the Left, against talking to the PLO. We even had the US behind us on that, all the way up until the tail-end of the Reagan Administration. We stood foursquare, even fivesquare

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against a Palestinian state. What the hell good did it do us? Did the PLO go away? Did the Palestinians stop demanding statehood or a piece of Jerusalem? No, they're still here. So what's the answer? ask the folks at Peace Among Ourselves. Do we bave to give the Palestinians everything they want? It'll never end.

No, I don't think we have to give them everything they want. But we do have to make them a ballpark offer, something they can live with or they will turn us down no matter bow broad a coalition, no matter how staunch and firm and joined at the shoulder we may be. The slogan should go something like this: We can play ball with the Palestinians, or we can go on playmg with ourselves.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

STAR-SWITCHING

Sir. - There's certainly no accounting for taste. Sometimes I think I must reverse the starratings given by your film critic Adina Hoffman. Regarding the film "G.I. Jane", which got one lousy star. I think it is an exceptional, original film, a completely new idea with Demi Moore not only playing the hero, but really acting like a

Not many women would have been able to do what she did in this film. And why was Moore's recent striptease vain?

And now we get to the glori-ous film "The Peacemaker" which got three glorious stars. It is the most unoriginal film on the screen, full of hackneyed American scenes - car races, the search for the elusive villain, and finally the destroy-all weapon with the counter giving the fioder just 26 seconds - 2 minutes on the screen - to deactivate it, succeeding in the last tenth of a second. James Bond films do it better.

Nicole Kidman's acting is zero compared to Demi Moore's. So I switched the

INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC

Sir. - On the anniversary of former prime minister Yitzbak Rabin's assassination, a clear and unambiguous message was unanimously sent forth from the Knesset: No more needless hatred. No more incitement. For most of us it was received as a welcome breath of fresh air. It was therefore most disappointing and disturbing to see that message so quickly ignored and rejected by Jerusalem Post columnist Amotz Asa-El. He concludes his article of November 14 by predicting that "an ideologically charged, socially cohesive, and emotionally enthusiastic Shas will have sunk its teeth even deeper into the Likud's dangling flesh and depleted bones, come the next elec-

The message is clear: Shas is not simply a duly elected political party with whom one may legitimately disagree and even crincize. It is a carnivorous monster, it is therefore not to be challenged and confronted by ordinary, civilized, democratic means. It is something to be loathed and killed. I would hope that Asa-El would apologize and resolve to eliminate this type of hate-filled, inflammatory rhetoric from his oth-

DR. JEFFREY TILLMAN

erwise intelligent remarks.

HEBREW DATES

Sir, - Both Independence Day and Jerusalem Day are observed on the anniversary corresponding to the Hebrew date, as are all major official ceremonies, yet the Rabin family together with Labor and politically Left organizations commemorated the anniversary of the murder of the late prime minister Rabin on the secular date. Is this a message that they have abandoned traditional Jewish customs? Even io the Diaspora, l'arzeit is kept according to the Hebrew date by people far removed from any Jewish observance.

Coincidentally, the speech by the president of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation in Kikar Rabin mentioned the year 70 AD instead of 70 CE. Is this another clear message by those who on longer accept Jewish practice? By using the term 70 AD the president of the Lost Angeles Jewish Federation has, perhaps erroneously, accepted Christian teaching or has become so far remote from Judaism (of all facets) that be is unaware of the difference. If it was good enough for the founding fathers of the State to use the date according to the Hebrew calendar then so should it be for the political Left, unless their aim is to bring the downfall of the third Jewish Commonwealth.

DR. COLIN L. LECI Jerusalem (Middx, England).

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

WERNER BRAUN

50 years ago: On November 27, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the UN General Assembly continued the debate and was preparing to vote on the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee to set up Jewish and Arab States to Palestine. Of the 17 countries who abstained from the Ad-Hoc Committee's vote New Zealand, Holland and Belgium were now declared in favor of Partition, while Haiti and Greece were against it. With these changes the teotative poll stood at 28 Ayes and 14 Nays. The US-Soviet Union's unity remained unbroken. Observers noted that the

British evacuation from Palestine would be followed by Arab States' race for occupation of the

Holy Land. Two young members of the Stern Group, Yeruham Krubelnik and Mordechai Sofer, were seotenced to life imprisonment in connection with the bombing of the Cairo-Haifa train on August 9.

The Palestine Government's Public Information Office sent to London for special photographic equipment to make copies of all land registration documents and other important papers. It was estimated that about 2 million micro-photos would be taken. 25 years ago: On November

27, 1997, The Jerusalem Post reported that Egypt had rejected Israel's message appealing to it not to get involved in Syria's border provocations. The Foreign Ministry had kept in constant touch with major powers with regard to tension along the ceasefire line with Syria.

Jordan adopted measures aimed at limining the flow of Jordanian currency and visitors into the West Bank.

Eight Japanese terrorists were sought in Rome after weapons caches were found in the transit lounge of Leonardo Da Vinci air-

Alexander Zvielli

COLMAN McCARTHY

Fleshless Thanksgiving

me a spoiler. I insist on using accurate language to describe Thanksgiving: America's only national holiday focused on a corpse, a turkey's. Even then, that's not really the full story. The Thanksgiving cadaver is a "cbemicalized," antibiotic-laced, bioeogineered blnb of high-fat, high-cholesterol flesh that is part of Yoineh Meir, whose life would

the food chain because the National end in madness, also could not Turkey Federation, among other vested interests, stakes large amounts of advertising and promotional money to dupe the public into equating their birds - profitable "production units"- as essensizughtering was the worst." tial to today's celebration of the fall harvest.

I know, I know. That's heavy talk. Lighten up, I am instructed. I'd like nothing more, except I keep coming on philosophers, writers, ethicists and theologians who decline to join in the nation's state of denial on the issue of slaughtering animals for food. I have oever forgotten "The Slaughterer," a short story by Isaac Thanksgiving alone.

Bashevis Singer, the Nobel laureate who lived healthily on an animalfree diet. In the story, Yoineh Meir wanted to be a rabbi. No, the village hassidim in the old country ruled, you are called by God to be the ritual slaughterer. He took holy instruments - knives, a whetstone and followed the command of the all-wise hassidim. SO, I get asked, "You some kind of

"Barely three months had passed since Yomeh Meir had become a slaughterer." Singer writes, "but the time seemed to stretch endlessly. He felt as though be were immersed in blood and lymph. His ears were beset by the squawking of hens, the crowing of roosters, the gobbling of geese, the lowing of oxen, the moo-

ing and bleating of calves and goats: wings fluttered, claws tapped on the floor. The bodies refused to know any justification or excuse every body resisted in its own fashion, tried to escape, and seemed to argue with the Creator to Its last

escape: "The killing of every beast, great and small, caused him pain as though he were cutting his own throat. Of all the punishments that could have been visited upon him, Fiction becomes reality every year about this time when officials

from the turkey-killing industry haul one of their full-feathered toms to the White House. President after president dutifully has played his part in this yearly ritual of deceit by granting a "partion" to the bird before him, while not daring to tell the public that some 300 million other turkeys are slaughtered annually, with 40 million killed for

The media play its part at this staged event by photographing this bird that escaped death row while ignoring the year-round story of gore and death that is the lot of the factory-farm birds that live for no more than a few months in highstress confinement.

animal rights nut, or something?" Not really. I just like to digest a bit of truth and realism with my vegetable-fruit-grain based meals. On Thanksgiving Day, two years ago, C-SPAN invited me oo for its

morning Washington Journal program. Two journalists comment on newspaper stories from that day. Viewers phone in with their com-

After offering my thoughts on a couple of typical media airhead storics about Thanksgiving - omitting all mention of details of the sordid and brutal ways turkeys are inseminated, raised and killed - the phones lighted up with outraged allers, furious that I brazenly befouled the airways with my unpatriotic dissent from this most wholesome of American holidays. This was two years ago, so none

a communist. I did earn that epithet. though, at Thanksgiving in 1987. Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, the Washington errand boy for North Carolina's turkey industry, wrote a letter to the editor of the Washington Post responding to my column on diseases that humans catch from salmonella bacteria in turkey meat. After dismissing the health threat

by assuring readers that "some bac-

teria are to be found in almost

everything we eat, including car-

rots," the senator, ruffling his feath-

ers, said my column wasn't likely

of my callers could denounce me as

to stop people from eating turkey, least of all in the Helms household. "A turkeyless Thanksgiving," be said, would mean "saucers and plates would probably fly around the dining room." Then he heaved a projectile of his own at my commie-pinko column: This latest curious advocacy printed in the Post fits in with its endorsement of communist and socialist dictatorships around the world and its relentless efforts to appease the communists in Nicaragua, Cuba and the Soviet Union."

Looks as if Jesse Helms needs to lighten up. (The Baltimore Sun)

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Weekender

Sebody depicts humanity like 'One Night Stand director Mike **Figgis**

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By TED ANTHONY.

ike Figgis is a master filmmaker. Leaving Las Vegas, his haunting portrait of alcoholism, prostitution and desperate romance, peeled back the layers of life's seamier side for a movie so painful it was almost unwatchable. His latest offering, One Night Stand, which opened in Israeli cinlar, opper-middle-class people, the kind anyone could meet. But its theme - the mischosen path, the life unraveled - is identical.

Leaving Las Vegas in both character and story, and is just as harwing - which makes it all the more sad that the end is so utterly disappointing.

Figgis wrote, directed, co-produced and scored One Night Stand and even pulled a Hitchcockian comies. He wanted it, he said, to form force acts- bittersweet affair, breakdown of a marriage and tale of the characters' ultimate paths. In these he succeeds mightily.

Max Carlyle (Wesley Snipes) directs commercials. He lives in Los Angeles with a drop-dead gorgeous and intelligent wife Mimi (Mingina Wen) and two young business and to see his old friend Charlie (Robert Downey Jr.), wbo

is dying of AIDS.

Blocked from the airport by a received only-in-New-York obsta-ing wax ends up befriending fine (Nastassja Kinski), also harrest and in New York on business. After a parking-lot mugging, their vulnerability bubbles over into hotel-room passion.

Max returns to Los Angeles and The pullook on life has changed.

The process combative and remote toward Mimi and increasingly sarcastic at work, prompting a potentially lucrative client to walk out.

As Charlie nears death, Max and Mimi return to New York to his legiste, and Max finds that harlies brother Vernon (Kyle MacLachlan) is married to Karen. Thus Max and Karen are forced to face their passion in the darkest of circumstances as Charlie wastes

áway.

Higher stands above almost every 1990s filmmaker in his ability to re-create pure humanity foir gestures, our conversations, our interactions. Nowhere else on the American screen do relationships seem so real, so visceral. A sneeze, a God-bless-you, the way Monir accidentally hits Max with iter arm as they cuddle in bed – all off flese little mannerisms, captired form a believable pastiche

of what it is to be human. The use of music in One Night Stand is also memorable - not only for the score itself hut how it fractions. Figgis uses it to drown our thilogue so facial expressions sized Even his dialogue is sometimes used as a mask - small talk that deliberately bores you into watching rather than listening. Snipes shows a depth here

beyond his previous work, and though he is the focus of the film, he knows when to pull back and



Karen (Natassja Kinski) and Max (Wesley Snipes) are forced to face their passion in the darkest of circumstances.

let the other characters take center

stage.
Kinski is simultaneously manne and unsettlingly girlish, but it's not her ripe-young-thing girlishness of yore. She reaches farther hack, blending childlike vulnera-

hility with a distinctly adult mien. Ming-na Wen, one of the most beautiful actresses in the business today, proves here she can hold her own with the most talented. Her portrayal of Mimi is perhaps the most human of them all - simultaneously fiery and vulnerable, relevant and irrelevant, trying to participate in her marriage hut ultimately reduced to watching it crumble.

And MacLachlan emerges once and for all from the shadow of David Lynch, lending a sense of controlled futility and melancholy

to Vernon. Downey, of course, is a talented actor and always has been. He imbues Charlie with an emotional virtual Greek chorus for Max. And AIDS is the constant backdrop. the reminder of mortality - not

death, but mortality.

Toward the end, the couples dine together and Vernon waxes about his hrother's demise. "You don't watch someone playing in the mid-dle of a minefield and not expect to hear an explosion, he says. The message rings clear: The comment perfectly fits Max and Karen.

imbues Charlie with an emotional memory of pain and makes him a figgis and his troupe have much of which to be proud. His world is

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like ours: Passion hubbles over. Compromises are made. Events can happen that elevate you and bring you down at the same time. Places within people are awakened that they never knew existed. And things fall apart.

One Night Stand, a landmark depiction of modern infidelity, possesses the moral relativism that Fatal Attraction lacked. Were it not for the trite ending, it could have been one of the year's best pictures. (Associated Press)

Israel." Hosted by AACI and the Israel Women's Network. Tonight

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star in Cash on Delivery, a play

ahout a man who's been unem-

Sinfonietta Beersheba in a pro-

gram of Haydn, Rossini, Leef and Beethoven. Tonight at 8:30 at the

Television

The Movie Channel is running

Beersheba Conservatory.

(09) 833-0950.

1. The Messiah - Handel

Ruby Porat and Hanan Goldhlati ployed for years hut neglects to share this information with his wife. Tonight at 8:30 at the Haifa Theater. (04) 862-0670.
Italian conductor Antonelo
Alamondi leads the Israel a laugh, "the chorus didn't run through my mind when I first hugged Yoram. Maybe if I were making a movie, I'd use it."

2. Thomas Mann reading from his own works in German

"It's an essay on the transience of things, and of the necessity to be grateful for endings in everything. I love this because I so identify with what Mann says, It allows me to greet every day anew, yet gives me the strength to deal with endings, like Yosef's

Bach played by Glenn Gould

Monkey business

Though Eilat - with its overcrowded marinas, beaches and boardwalks - has turned cheesy in recent years, it still has a lot going for it. For one thing, tourism is still going.

strong, even during the low season of late November. And to cater to visitors there is a plethora of activities to fill the speckling, sunny days. But at night, there is a more limited selection. The best bet, after a romantic evening stroll down the streetwarecrowded North Beach boardwalk, is Three Monkeys Pub.

Part of the Royal Beach Hotel, just past the boardwalk bridge, this large pub/club starts spilling our onto the boardwalk shortly after midnight. The show starts at 11 p.m.; 11:30 on Fridays, and there's no cover charge. You have to get there early; the place

opens at 9 p.m. What makes Three Monkeys Pub so popular are the bands. Imported from Europe and especially England, they are the "best" of the bar-scene bands, selected by the Three

Monkeys' "talent scouts" around the world. Every three weeks a new band takes the stage, doing covers of pop, rock, Motown, Sixties and Eighnes music. Some do more than covers, like last year's Flying Embers, who dressed, looked and sounded so much like Queen that it was



as if they raised Freddy Mercury from his grave; others do combinations, changing their sound a little bit every night, or the styles of music between the three half-hour sets.

This month's hand, Bernadette Wilde from Newcastle, is a six-person band with a leggy, throaty lead singer that does lounge-style versions of both Motown and pop numbers.

The show goes till about 2:30 or 3 a.m., and the crowd changes between sets, so there may be hope for you to get. in if you come real late. This rowdy, rancous room - which seats 250 and holds up to 350, standing - is just what peo-ple coming to Eilar are looking for, a place to wind down; scream and shout to the music, and for the daring, but the dance floor in the center.

Except for the foreign beers, the food (kosher) and drinks are reasonably priced for Eilat. The crowd is eclectic - the mationality depends on the season; right now there are a lot of British and German visitors. There is also a fair share of locals. (It was here that we spotted the newest bizarre israeli trend; guys wearing headbands; Not soft sweatbands, but the hard, puffy ones that little girls wear to hold their hair back. Go figure.)

Three Monkeys Pub Manager, Eli Saamani, summed up why the place is always overflowing: "Havlaz," he said. It's an acronym that translates as "It's a waste of time." But in the latest Israeli oppositeslang this means it's anything but.

Three Monkeys Pub, The Royal Beach Hotel North Beach, Boardwalk, Eilat (07) 636-8888



Actress Orna Porat talks about her favorite discs

rna Porat, one of the great figures in Israeli theater, was this year nominated for best supporting actress in Yossi Somer's film, The Dybbuk of the Holy Apple Fields. Her closetful of prizes includes the Israel Prize, the Israel Theater Life Achievement Award and an honorary doctorate from the Weizmann Institute of Science.

She's currently playing in Most Cruel the King at Habimah and next month starts rehearsals for The Beauty Queen of Leenane at the Beersheba Theater. And she's nominally retired, following a more than 40-year career at the Cameri Theater, which she joined following her immigration from her native Germany in 1947. She also founded the Children and Youth Theater which was named for her two years ago when CYT celehrated its 30th anniversary. Porat has two adopted children, Lital and Yoram. A year ago she lost her hushand, Yosef, after 50 vears of marriage.

"I think it's connected to my children. I wanted children and I couldn't have any, so the chorus "Unto us a child is born" is especially poignant. I adopted Yoram first, then Lital. No," she says with

Professor Alice Shalvi gives a self appear ugly and puffy in the 3. The Goldberg Variations - J.S. the cathedral for services."

"When I listen to this music, it brings me to a state of inner concentration, of tranquillity. I can shut out external distractions and unpleasantness. Heaven knows we have enough of those."



Winterreise ("Winter Journey"), a Schuhert song cycle sung hy baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau.

"Of course Fischer-Dieskau. I love winter. I love its crispness and its colors. For the past 10 years, I've spent part of it in the same room of the same hotel in the village of Serneus [near Klosters]. I go for long walks in the mountains. I often take scripts with me, to learn my lines in that peace. I love the sorrows of winter too. I

like to cry in the snow."

5. The Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach.

Orna Porat grew up in Cologne. and the oratorio "reminds me of my childhood even though it's heautiful in its own right. Whoever has heard it sung in the Cologne Cathedral knows how beautiful it can be. Christmas was something we could share with the Catholics, and so, although I was raised as a Protestant, we went to

– Helen Kaye

By KAREN SULKIS

Tel Aviv Area

Be a chocoholic, or just look like one by heading over to the Chocolate Festival at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art today and tomorrow. Warning: Bring your own napkins. It's a jungle over there.

After you've pigged out, you can wipe off your face and go into the museum to enjoy countertenor
Derek Lee Ragin and the Israel Camerata Jerusalem in musical selections by Shostakovich. Vivaldi, Pergolesi and Stravinsky. William Henry Curry conducts. follows the time-worn tradition of

Tomorrow at 2 p.m., with a pre-concert lecture by Michael Melzer at 1 p.m. Program repeats Saturday. night at 8:30, with lecture at 7:30. Call (03) 696-1267-

The "Unforgettable" music of Natalie and Nat King Cole highlights tonight's jazz program at the Zahala Apropos. Music starts at 10. I Avner Zahala. Call (03)

The Batsheva Dance Company premieres Sabotage Baby, choreo-graphed hy Ohad Naharin. Tonight at 8:30 in the Tel Aviv Center for the Performing Arts.

Will the stars of the Israeli stage production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? rival Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton? You can see for yourself tonight at 8:30 at the ZOA House.

Shlomit Dvir and her guitar share some Magical Stories with young people aged 3-5. Today at 5 p.m. at Beit Ariela, in the Tel Aviv Lihrary.

Jerusalem

The Jerusalem branch of AACI

holding its Thanksgiving dinner in the afternoon. Those with reservations can partake at 5 p.m. 6
Mane Street, Call (02) 561-9252.

Givat Ram Campus, Hebrey
University, Call (02) 675-9911.

Hamagshimim is hosting a more Hamagshimim is hosting a more laid-back, bargain-priced feast for folks between 19 and 35. It's hilled as a Jewish Thanksgiving dinner. Tonight at 7 at 7a Dor V'Dorshav in the German Colony. Call (02) 561-9233.

Internationally acclaimed actor Klaus Maria Brandauer narrates Schoenberg's A Survivor from Warsaw, as Kurt Masur conducts the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Soprano Kelley Nassief and the Slovak Philharmonic Choir join in. Tonight at 8:30 at Binyenei Ha'uma_Call (02) 624-0896.

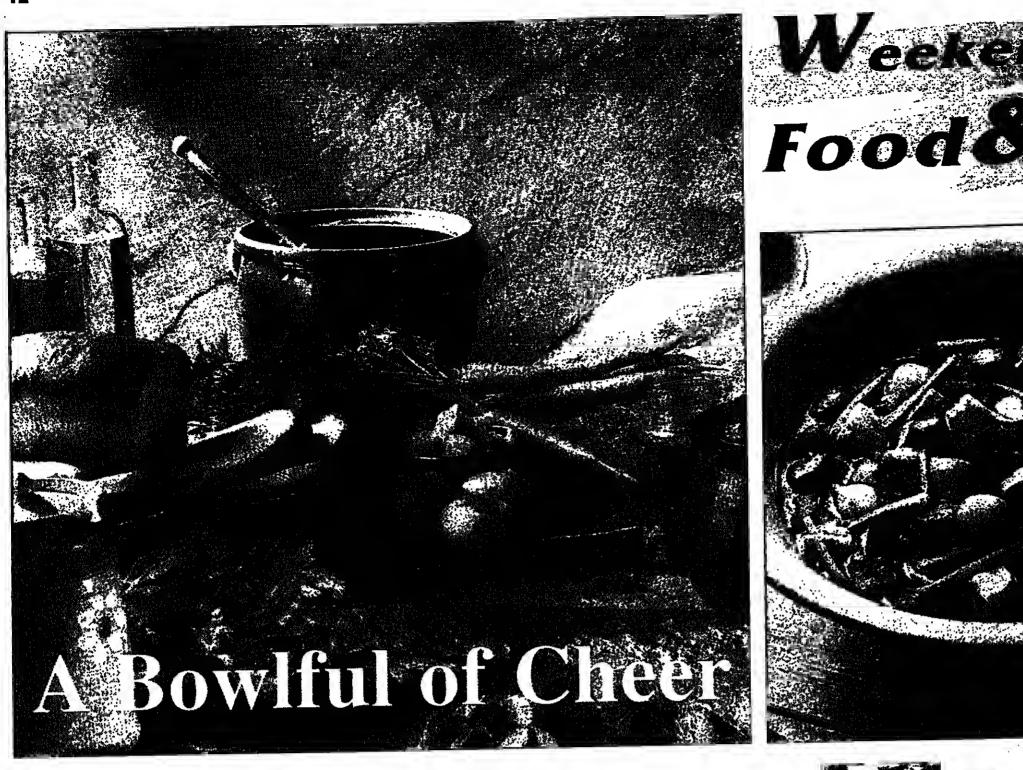
The Lev Smadar theater presents a lazy Friday afternoon jazz concert, tomorrow from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call (02) 561-8168. Returned prodigal son Matti

Caspi performs tonight at 10 at the Jerusalem Theater. 20 Marcus Street. Call (02) 561-7167. Conductor Moshe Epstein leads

Agron, 37 Hillel Street.

Other Locales The wise and wonderful

the oddly comic The Madness of King George on Saturday night at 9:30. In addition to wonderful perfurmances by Helen Mirren and Nigel Hawthorne, famously vain hunk-of-the-moment (again) Rupert Everett actually lets himthe Rubin Academy Chamber timely lecture on "Women in film. Now that's acting!



feel a sense of culinary deja vu.
In the innocent days when 1 first started to cook, I would throw lots of ingredients into a hig pot, add some garlic and whatever sea-sonal vegetables my mother grew, and cover the entire mishmash with water. Then I would lower the heat lo a simmer and walk away, hoping for the best when I returned in an hour. Now, 25 years later, Γm doing it again - only this time I feel I'm doing it with finesse, knowledge, and a purpose.

After all, there are many reasons wby peasant-style soups are becoming more popular. The marriage of fresh ingredients simmering with one another comforts taste buds and warms souls. None of the valuable vitamins and minerals are discarded. And there's the convenience: It's simple to throw ingredients into a pan to simmer almost unattended while you spend more time with your children, wrap presents, or sample a new Chardonnay.

I get a sense of closeness to my family and friends when I place a big bowl of soup on my table. And it gets even better when I accompany it with a loaf of crusty bread and a giant salad. Here are two distinct soup styles - one that's thick and hearty, and another that's a broth full of vegetables.

TORTELLINI, WHITE BEAN, AND SPINACH SOUP

I tsp.olive oil 2 cups chopped onioo 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper I tsp.dried Italian seasoning 3 garlic cloves, minced

2/2 cup water 1 (450 gr.) can navy beans,

drained 2 cups fresh vegetablebroth, or I(400 gr.) can vegetable broth

2 cups coarsely chopped spinach

1 (400 gr.) can no-salt-added whole tomatoes, undrained and

chopped 1 (400 gr.) can quartered artichoke hearts, drained

1 (250 gr.) package uncooked

fresb cheese tortellini

1/4 cup grated fresh Parmesan

Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add chopped onion, bell pepper, seasoning, and gardic. Saute 5 minutes or until tender. Add spinach and next 5 ingredients (spinach through articbokes). Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 2 minutes. Add tortellini and cook until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with cheese.

Yield: 6 servings (serving size: 11/2 cups soup and 2 tenspoons cheese, 281 calories).

MEXICAN BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP Try serving this zesty soup with quesadillas.

ž tsp.ouve ou 2 cups cubed, peeled butternut

squash 2 cups chopped onion i cup chopped red bell pepper i cup chopped celery 1/2 cup sliced, seeded, pohiano

chile or I (125 gr.) can

chopped green chiles 1 tsp. dried oregano 1 tsp. chili powder 4 cups fresh vegetablebroth or

l (435 gr.) can white hominy or whole-kernel corn, drained

1/4 cup fresh lime juice 2 Tosp minced fresh cilantro Heat oil in a large Dutch oven

over medium-high heat. Add squash and next 6 ingredients (squash through chili powder). Saute 3 minutes. Add broth and hominy. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat: simmer 35 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in lime juice and cilantro. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: I 3/4 cups, 161 calories).

CREAMY LIMA BEAN SOUP WITH PASTA Any smaller-type pasta such as ditalini will work in this soup.

2 tsp.olive oil 1 cup chopped onion 1 cup chopped carrot 3 garlic cloves, minced

cups water

3 thyme sprigs 4 cups fresh vegetable broth, or 2 (400 gr.) cans vegetable broth 1 (450 gr.) package frozen baby

1/4 cup chopped fresh hasil l Tosp lemon juice

3/4 teaspoon lemon pepper 1 cup uncooked orecchiette pasta ("little ears" pasta)
1/2 cup chopped, bottled, roasted

red bell peppers

Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrot, and garlic; saute 5 minutes. Add water, thyme, broth, and lima beans; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 15 ites. Stir in basil, lemon juice, and lemon pepper. Place 3 cups soup in a hlender, process until smooth. Return pureed mixture to pan; bring to a boil. Add pasta; cook 15 minutes or until pasta is tender. Stir in bell peppers. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 2 cups, 316 calories).

LENTIL SOUP

71/2 cups fresh vegetable broth or

11/2 cups dried lentils l cup chopped onion 1 cup chopped carrot 1/2 cup chopped celery 1/2 cup chopped parsnip 2 Tbsp.low-sodium soy sauce 2 tsp.dried oregano 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine broth and dried lentils in a large Dutch oven, and hring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes. Add chopped onion and next 6 ingredients (onion through salt); cover and simmer 15 minutes. Yield: 6 servings (serving size: 11/2 cups, 197 calories).

COUNTRY-FRENCH VEGETABLE SOUP

2 tsp.olive oil 2 cups chopped green cabbage 1 cup chopped onion 1 cup (1/2-inch-thick) sliced carrot 1 cup sliced celery 1 cup diced red potato

1 teaspoon caraway seeds l cup water 4 cups fresh vegetablebroth or 2 (400 gr.) cans vegetable broth I cup drained canned chickpeas 2 Tosp, minced fresh parsley

2 tsp.chopped fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried dill 1/2 tsp.pepper

Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high beat until hot. Add cabhage and next 5 ingredients (cahhage through caraway seeds); saute 2 minutes. Add water and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 30 minutes. Add chickpeas, parsley, dill, and pepper, cook until thoroughly beated. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 12/4 cups, 184 calories).

BASQUE RICE-AND-KALE CHOWDER

2 tsp. olive oil 1 cup chopped onion 1 cup chopped green bell pepper / cup chopped celery

1/3 cup sliced almonds I Tosp.Hungarian sweet paprika 2 hay leaves 11/2 cups water

1 (400 gr.) can stewed tomatoes, undrained and chopped 2 cups fresh vegetablebroth or 1 (400 gr.) can vegetable broth 2 cups chopped kale

1 cup cooked long-grain brown 4) cup drained canned chickpeas // cup raisins

1. Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add onion and next 5 ingredients (onion through hay leaves); saute 2 minutes. Add water, tomatoes, and broth; bring to a boil. Add kale, rice, chickpeas, and raisins; reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 1 1/4 cups, 311 calories).

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Phyllis's Tips

in stores, NIS 16 to NIS 19 in restaurants.

No lox, no thanks (avoid)

For those who love smoked salmon, there's nothing like the real thing, served up on a good bagel and cream cheese. A real New York girl, I've never been particularly fond of salmon salads, especially not, if they're made with faux salmon (the package calls it marluza), mixed with pickles, two types of artificial food coloring, unknown Osem version (called Amigos) emulsifiers, sodium henzoate sium sorbate. The little artificially colored pieces are such a bright shade of red you wonder if the person who invented it was color blind.

Tzabar calls this product "Lox Salad with Homemade Taste." Thank God my mother never made it that way. NIS 8 for 250 gr.

Hot cider (very good)

Years ago people used to laugh when I served my Israeli interpretation of hot cider, New England style. Now it seems the mainstream is adopting it. Restaurateurs and kiosk owners now can invest in Cider Hagalil's new drink machine which dispenses 250-ml. and 330-ml. cups of hot cider for NIS 4 and NIS 6 a cup, depend-

ing on size. By the way, you can make hot cider at home with a can of Cider Hagalil's concentrated juice. Reconstitute it with a little less water than the package directs and add a piece of cinnamon stick, a few whole cloves and a couple whole allspice. Heat to boiling then turn down to a simmer. Cook at least 10-15 minutes before serving. The results are

stores, NIS 7 to NIS 9 in restau-rants, 750-ml. bottles are NIS 6 delightful – just remember to remove the spices after about 30 remove the spices after about 30 minutes or the cider will become hitter.

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Salsa (good)
Although Mexican food is not high on Israelis' popularity list. several domestic companies, like Beit Hashita and Osem, are producing a version of salsa - the Spanish word for sancosund the American term for many saucelike condiments. It's difficult to know what kind of flavorings and vegetable stabilizers the contains because, as usual, the company uses only the vaguest

possible terms to describe them. The Beit Hashita version contains nothing artificial, but its tastes are imbalanced. I vote for the President's Choice salsa, which costs NIS 7.95, since it not only tastes good, but also

contains nothing artificial. And you don't need tortillas to enjoy salsa. You can use it to season soups, serve as a dip alongside of guacamole and com chips, top a hamburger, serve with scrambled eggs or fill an omelette, among other things.

Italian spice (fair to good) 🦠 McCormick's new Italian Seasoning contains all the classic Italian spices - marjoram, thyme, rosemary, sage, oregano and basil - mixed together. We tried it in a cream sauce on pasta and found the taste too dominating. It could be good sprinkled sparingly on pizza or in a tomato-based pasta sauce. I'm not crazy about marjoram which, along with thyme and rosemary, strongly flavors this mix. I prefer to mix my own combinations according to dish. The 21 gr. plastic bottle sells for NIS 12.95.

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Mr. Brown's Iced Coffee

Mr. Brown's Iced Coffee tastes

exactly like the kind of thing

you'd have at a roadside rest

stop somewhere between Waco,

and has no preservatives or food

colorings. It's just somehody

else's interpretation of your per-

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milk and sugar. But when it

comes down to it, when you're

deciding what to drink, do you

really want coffee that was pre-

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and Demi Moore adore it. Even

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Pellegrino waters are taken from

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1998, the Italian firm markets all

around the world, but especially

to New York and Hollywood,

Germany, Switzerland and France. Less fizzy than Perrier, it

really does taste good! 250-ml. bottles sell for NIS 3.50 in

Iced Coffee is a dairy product sold in 250-ml. cans for NIS

Fancy water (excellent)

pared and canned months ago?

Texas, and Dallas. It isn't b

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Is there any shamenet available that is less than 15% fat? Are there any hard cheeses available that are non-fat? We are interested in products that are kosher lemehadrin. – Naomi Muller, Jerusalem

I don't know if you are referring to shamenet metuka (sweet cream) or shamenet hamutza (sour cream). In any case, when it comes to sour cream, if it had less fat it wouldn't be shamenet, it would be eshel or leben (or you could use yogurt). As to sweet cream, you can make your own "half and half" hy adding milk to

the cream.

I don't know of any non-fat bard yellow cheeses that are available here. The only hard cheeses that I know of that are not high in saturated fat are made of soy or rice milk and are sold in health-food stores by the slice.

Where can I buy cans of condensed clear chicken soup to use in recipes? I only have been able to find the powdered soup mixes. Are there any cooking classes in Jerusalem? Mrs. F. Rosenthal, Jerusalem

Israelis are not used to using condensed clear chicken soup so

manufacturers do not produce it. If you want an alternative to soup powders containing MSG, you can try the vegetable cubes available in health-food stores.

I do not have any information about cooking lessons in Jerusalem.

Where can I get five-spice seasoning? Is there a kosher brand available?

- Helen Livnat, Herzliya

The Chinese mixture of spices called "five-spice seasoning" is generally available in spice stores and stores selling Far Eastern products. A widely distributed and kosher version is made hy Spices hy Elana and marketed hy Segal Wines.

Could you pass on my name and number so readers can start an English-speaking group for

sharing vegetarian recipes?

— Shulamith Kretchman,

Kiryat Motzkin

Shulamith Kretchman's telephone number is (04) 871-1942. Her E-mail address is rubynsuc@netvision.net.il

I am writing to inform you about the (English-speaking) chapter of the International Jewish Vegetarian Society. It is located on 8 Balfour Street in Rehavia, Jerusalem. (Telephone and fax, [02] 561-1114; E-mail, ijvsjlem@netmedia.net.il) LIVS offers monthly programs on various aspects of vegetarian-ism and maintains a library which contains recipes and nutritional information. Anyone is welcome to make an appointment to check out the

holdings of the library. Aden Bar Tura, assistant director of the International Jewish Vegetarian Society

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Do not send stamped, selfaddressed envelopes, as inquiries cannot be answered individually. Feedback also appears in The Jerusalem Post Magazine on Friday.

Wine Cellar

By NOGA TARNOPOLSKY

rgentina is to begin exporting its wines to Israel in the next few weeks. Argentina has a long tradition of wine making; it began a century ago with the arrival of French, Spanish and Italian immigrants who found perfect wine-growing conditions in the mountainous provinces of Salta and Mendoza.

And, perhaps due to the influence of these immigrants, Argentinians developed a love for wine. Even today, the average Argentine household consumes approximately two bottles of wine per day. Buenos Aires's 13 million inhabitants alone provide a huge market

for local wine producers. Like in France, local wines are sold at what seems to the average Israeli laughably low prices. An "expensive" decent varietal is sold in the capital's wine shops for \$10. An eminently drinkable table wine of a lesser catego-

ry will go for \$3. Argentine wine makers have an unfortunate reputation for producing heavy, sluggish wines that are not of much use or pleasure and do not satisfy European or American tastes. · Traditional Argentine wines, often made in अस्ति हो हो। या स्मिति क्षेत्री के



Argentina's young wineries target Israeli market

relatively unhygienic conditions in massive, gets. A number of Argentine cabernets will be hundred year-old barrels, are basically what arriving here soon, along with various the French region of Burgundy was producing some 200 years ago. However, the recent importation of foreign - mostly European wines and a new influx of cosmopolitan immigrants is changing the gancho palate in favor of lighter, fruitier and more complex wines.

Some of the young wineries producing topof-the-line wines today are owned and run by a new generation of French immigrants who are highly attuned to international tastes. Over the past six years, they have been using the latest techniques and equipment to produce

appealing wines in addition, chapetition is forcing the Argentine economy which until a decade ago was almost hermerically sealed, to open up to the world market, and Israel is one of its tar- which will be available here shortly.

syrahs, malbecs and non-varietal reds.

The malbecs are the most interesting of the bunch. Malbec suffers from one of the worst reputations a grape could possibly have, that of being both heavy and lacking in flavor. In Bordeaux, it is used almost exclusively for mixing. Argentine wine makers claim Mendoza has the perfect climatic conditions for elevating malbec to a truly fine wine. My recent tour of a number of wineries confirms that, like Australian syrrah, it is not a wine to

be dismissed. I especially recommend trying the wines of Norton, Fabre & Montmayou, Nieto & Senetiner, Chandon (the Latin American branch) and Luigi Bosca wineries, all of



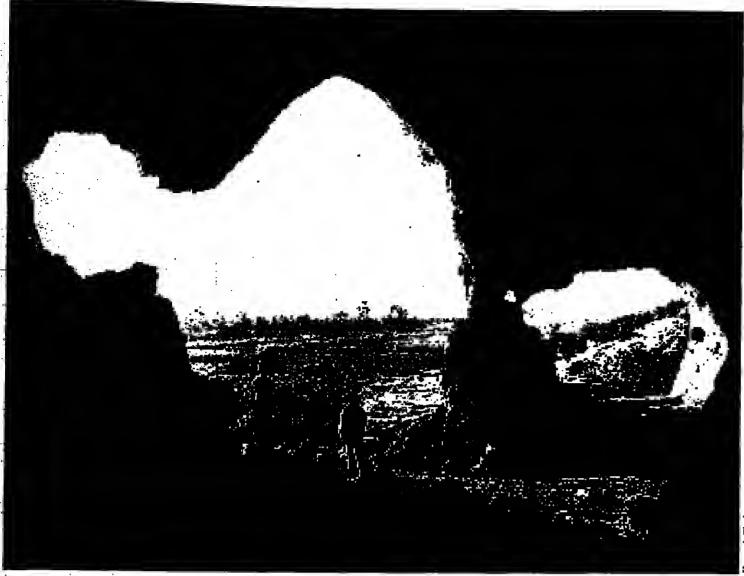
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Primordial shadows in the caves of Carmel Close En Counters By Allan Rabinowitz

south of Haifa, with a group of tour guides. Three of the caves (also known as The Carmel Caves) that pockmark the cliffs are accessible to the public. In the longest cave, penetrating 70 meters into the cliffside, we watched a film depicting the life of the early humans who lived

"visited the Nahal Me'arot here. The actors chipped tools, Reserve, the prehistoric site cleaned skins, hunted deer, fanned a precious flame, and died, leaving a vivid impression of the thousands of generations who lived short, stark lives here.

But when it ended, and the jabbering guides left. I remained behind and sat against the cave wall in the darkness. Light filtered weakly from the cave entrance. In

darkness and silence I could more acutely feel the presence of these cave dwellers.

My mind held only questions and wonderings. On this cave floor, creatures dating back to the time of the first migrations from Africa huddled for shelter. Their descendants uttered guttural sounds. Other descendants gazed with restless eyes and minds into

nocturnal fires. Others smashed animal bones with stone tools, while still others skinned antelone hides with even sharper implements, shaped by other tools.

But when, during endless millennia dedicated to the acquisition of food and warmth, did these proto-humans begin to wonder about who they were? When did they begin to ponder the powers of

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the darkness outside the cave mouth? When did the human being become, as the anthropologist/poet Loren Eiseley put it, "a dream animal - living at least partially within a secret universe of his own creation and sharing that secret universe in his head with other, similar heads ...?"

Whenever those changes did come, and whatever they entailed within the explosive growth of the oxygen-guzzling human brain, they developed in microcosm in these caves. In fact, the entire evolution of man is, in a sense, contained within these caves. For, amazingly, the Carmel Caves cover the longest stretch of paleontological and archaeological finds ever discovered in one spot, dating from over 200,000 years ago to 12,000 years ago.

Paleontological sites around the world reveal various stages and hranches in the development of the hipeds who became humans. But in these caves, they are all piled on top of each other.

A clearly marked route, punctuated hy explanatory signs and diagrams, hrings the visitor to the three caves accessible in the reserve (Hebrew- and Englishspeaking reserve guides are also available for groups and individ-uals). In the first, the Tanur cave. the strata bear witness to 150,000 years in the life of early humanity, divided into three successive, distinct cultures, which are defined largely hy the develop-ment of tools. All the efforts at survival - the pushing of the restless, developing brain, the inventions and innovations that crept and occasionally leaped forward

are compacted within these layers of crude and finely honed

But the human drama of prehistory did not unfold in neat little categories of time, culture or biology. Witness another unusual feature of this reserve: These caves

the town, Ohel Ya'acov, which is

just down the street and around the

corner, seems rather modest. Built

in the style of the German

Templars - Protestant settlers who

also came to the Holy Land - it is

seem to be the only spot of habitation where both the Neanderthal branch of hominids and the Cro-Magnon branch, from which we descend, lived in contemporary periods.

Evidence of the dense-boned, heavy-hrowed Neanderthals includes not only tools hut bones, and one full female skeleton. Based on the structure of that skull, in fact, some scholars hypothesize that the Neanderthals were capable of some speech. Here they wandered for some 60,000 years, living in groups of 25-50 people, cooperatively hunting and entrapping animals,

The Carmel Caves cover the longest stretch of paleontological and archaeological finds ever discovered in one spot, dating from over 200,000 years ago to 12,000 years ago

methodically inventing and shaping tools.

Here, perhaps, they gazed at the Cro-Magnons, across a gap of physicality, consciousness, technological progress and depth of mind which could not be spanned. One moved on to begin civilization, art, science, to penetrate as deeply as human thought can, while the other disappeared.

The Homo sapiens, meanwhile, emerged as the modern human and lived here as hunter-gatherers, until about 20,000 years ago. Then there is a gap of 8,000 years. During the next period of habitation, the Natufian period, which began about 12,000 years ago and lasted 2,000 years, inhabitants created larger, permanent settlements, built terraces, began the domestication of animals.

The brains that carved human heads in stone and deer heads in hone (the oldest art objects found in Israel), which organized the first cemeteries and ritual hurials in Israel, were identical to those hrains now cruising cyberspace. They pondered the mystery of their existence and selves. "Mah had escaped out of the eternal present of the animal world," as Eiseley put it, "into a knowledge of past and future. The unseen gods, the powers behind the world of phenomenal appearance, began to stalk through his

What really lives in these caves, between the shards, terraces and bone fragments? The questions concerning meaning for endless generations - each like a single drop of water - which have carved and contained within them a history of struggle, dreaming, hoping, conquest; of hutchery, family loss, starvation; of innovation and invention; of wonder and fear experiment and failure; childhood death and pain-laced age; of superstition and greed; communication and poetry; love, lust and the ever-looming presence of

Thus the very location, here in Israel, of this microcosm of the totality of human prehistory adds to its uniqueness. For in this splinter of the world, the human mind and soul reached beyond themselves for a sense of meaning and unity in creation. Here, law tried to infuse a sense of morality and divinity, and eloquent psalmists compared human life to transient grass.

Yes, these caves embrace the journey of humanity. But my puny human mind, sitting in that dark cave, cannot absorb it all. It throbs and goes blank. Nevertheless, wonder and questions permeate every centimeter of these caves. like dormant desert seeds. With my next visit, perhaps, more of them will spring to life.

Zichron Ya'acov: Take a walk on the Wine Route

ichron Ya'acov used to be because it has interesting shops, than it used to be. the kind of place where reachers took school groups; now quaint shops and a moderate. hut charming nightlife are attract-

ing visitors to this sleepy town. Founded in 1882 by settlers from Romania, Zichron has plenty of historical landmarks, especially from the period when Baron Edmund de Rothschild took it under his wing and began pouring money into it. There are a number of wine cellars in the town and the surrounding area. and they, too, deserve a visit. But let's face it. It is a lot more pleasant to go somewhere at least the wine is much better

rants. All that has come to the town in the last few years.

On Thursday nights young people pour into the downtown area. to the puhs and wine bars. The historic sites are still a

draw. Most of them are along the town's main street, Rehov Hameyasdim ("Founders" Street"), which has heen redubbed Derech Hayayin, "the Wine Route," It is not much of a wine route compared to those in France and Germany, or even California and South Africa, but

The street itself has been repaved with stones, and traffic has been restricted, making it far more pleasant for pedestrians. Many of the old homes have been restored and even those that remain dilapidated seem to have hecome more interesting-looking as a result of the urban renewal.

For the history huffs, there is of course Beit Aharonson, the home of Aaron Abaronson, founder of the Nili spy group which operated against the Turks during World War I. There are documents relating to Aharonson, and his sister, Sara, who shot herself

tortured by the Turkish forces.

My own favorite structure on the street is Breichat Binyamin. the old water tower with a neogothic facade that makes it appear to he an ancient synagogue. If you look closely, you can just make out the water spout, where a fountain once gushed forth from the central arch, providing a constant supply of water to the residents of the area. On the side is a stairway that you can climb to get a

panoramic view of the area. In comparison with the water tower, which looks like a synaDay Tripper By Haim Shapiro

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after having been arrested and gogue, the actual old synagogue of said to be the finest of the synagogues in any of Baron de Rothschild's settlements, but today

it just seems to be old-fashioned. A casual tour of the historic sites of Zichron might take a half hour, an hour if you are really

interested, but you could spend an entire afternoon whiling away your time, investigating the artisanship in the shops and gossiping over a cup of coffee along what has become one of the country's most attractive main streets.



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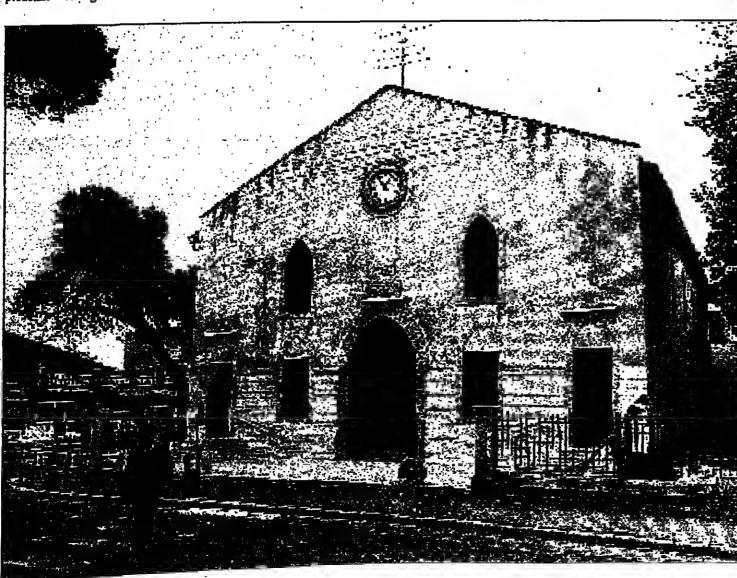
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The real world

Models of all shapes, sizes and ages prance the catwalk for a fashion show benefitting female victims of abuse

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hen creating for a mass market or even for a boutique market, designers are working in a vacnum. They may have definite ideas about silhouettes, fabrics, textures and colors, but they don't know who's going to huy them and wear them. What they do know at least in an abstract sense - is that most of the women sporting their label won't bear the slightest resem-blance to the models in their catalog. When Hagar Allembeck, the name

behind the Hagara label, put together ber current fall/winter collection, she had a completely different experience. For the showing, on behalf of the Center to Aid Female Victims of Sexual Ahuse, Allembeck cschewed professional models and instead selected some 80 well-known women of varying ages, shapes and sizes to parado her clothes. Several of the women on the runway were in their 40s and 50s, and some were in

So the first message broadcast by Hagara was that contrary to what we have been taught, the world does not necessarily belong to the young, the thin and the beautiful. The second message was even more telling, given the beneficiary of the event. Provocative apparel, though it may get the juices going, is not an invitalady wears is immaterial so long as she herself makes it clear that she's not interested in any sexual liaison.

Though most of the loose, layered, draped and cowled garments, accentcd mainly in velvets, tended to resemble theatrical period costumes, there were a few low-cut and supersheer items. The mood, however, was clearly look, but don't touch.

AS UNUSUAL as it was for Hagara to unveil her collection with models who could be anyone's next-door neighbor, it was even more unusual for her to be showing at all. Many of her competitors, defeated by both the weather and the slump in the market, have begun their winter sales more than a month ahead of time.

Let's not kid ourselves: Business in the rag trade is not just had, but disastrous. People who lost a bundle in the volatile stock market may feel inclined to comfort themselves with a new outfit, hut in many cases, thought is not leading to action. Money is tighter and people aren't

spending.
All those delicious pastel angoras and the gorgeons silky and velvety jewel-colored poodle, popcorn, cable and ribbed knits in the upmarket price range will become considerably more affordable over the next few weeks, as will the crushed and embossed velvet separates which have been given so much prominence in fashion publications and window displays.

And those lahels in the medium to

lower price range, such as Rosh Indiani, Niha, Just Looking. Honigman, Topper and Cafe, will become even more affordable. Local designers and manufacturers

are not the only ones whose prices

are plummeting. Even international giants like Yves Saint-Laurent have to give in to the vagaries of public spending, though it's doubtful that he'll make much of a concession on his full-length fur coats with their magnificent shawl

Whether you're huying upmarket or middle-bracket clothing, hold off for a while. Prices will drop further in December and yet again in January. With all the crazy changes in the weather, you might just be lincky and find it cold enough in Fehruary to wear your new acquisitions.

Clockwise from top left: HAGARA; YVES SAINT-LAURENT; JUST LOOKING; Cafe; YVES SAINT-LAURENT





By MATTHEW GRANCYETTER

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The Israeli Simula

Opening lead: \$2

ne of my jobs is to write the analysis of a special duplicate game called the Israeli Simultaneous. This event is played around the country on the same night, with the same deals. At the conclusion, the players receive a booklet (in Hebrew) with the deals and suggested hidding

and play.

How is this possible, especially considering my terrible Hebrew?

Well, it begins in the offices of the Israelf Bridge Federation in Haifa. There, the manager of the Israeli Bridge League, Zvi Ben-Tovim, instructs his computer to print out three sets of hand-records (each with 40 deals, randomly dealt). He then mails me the sets and I pick out the most interesting 40 deals from the 120. In the last Simultaneous, on November 15, I decided to choose all 40 deals from a single set because of an interesting complaint that was registered by one of the players. If I selected only interesting deals, the players would have to be on the lookout for an interesting play on every deal. This eliminates to some degree me random element of where the cards lie. So at his suggestion, I used only one set of 40 deals, and no selection was

However, it is still a long and tedious process to analyze 40 deals, propose an auction, and then discuss the ramifications and nuances in two short paragraphs for each deal. Finally, after I've

written the booklet in English, I mail my work to Ben-Tovim, who translates it into Hebrew.

After every Simultaneous, I receive phone calls from a few of the participants, either complaining that the deals were too wild "Blame it on the computer," I answer) or that the bidding was too esoteric ("Blame it on my bridge upbringing") or that a better line of play was found than the one men-tioned in the booklet ("Blame it on

my faulty analysis").
On today's deal, from the
November Simultaneous, the suggested final contract was six spades. In many cases, North was declarer but in the case of Sarah Wertheimer, who played the tour-nament at the Netanya Bridge Club. South was declarer after North had made a transfer bid to spades. Transfers are common after notrump openings and give after notrump openings and give declarer a tremendous edge by having the opening lead come up to the strong hand. In the auction shown, South accepted game and North bid Blackwood to check for aces (five diamonds showed 1 or 4). West led the deuce of hearts.

Wertheimer won in hand and led

Wertheimer won in hand and led the ace of diamonds and deuce of diamonds to ruff in dummy, noting the fall of the 9 from East. She then took a successful finesse in trumps by leading the queen and letting it ride when East played the 5. A second spade play drew the king. So far, declarer had taken the line-of-play proposed in the book-let. But at this point, I suggested that South lead the jack of diamonds and, when West plays low, discard a club from dummy, hop-

ing that the king is with West.
This is called a "ruffing finesse,"
which has in theory a 50 percent chance of success. On this deal, East would win the king and declarer takes only 12 tricks, for the contract. But if West held the king of diamonds, this ruffing finesse would produce an over-

Wertheimer found a more interesting (and successful) play. She led the jack of diamonds and ruffed it in dummy, the king falling. Now she had 13. micks. There were two clues to her play. First, the 9 of diamonds was a suspicious card and, if honest, was likely to be followed by the king. Second, if the king didn't fall, she could cash her hearts and spades and make 13 tricks by squeezing East, if that player held both minor-suit kings.

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When machine be

By RIGEL SHORT

ne wonders how the experience of losing to Deeper Blue might have affected Garry Kasparov. The World Champion is an extremely tough competitor and doubtless will be determined to assert his authority over his feeble human opponents. Yet one cannot help feeling that his humiliating defeat in the full glare of the world's media is bound, in some way, to have

damaged him psychologically.
Some entertaining Kasparov quotes are contained within grandmaster Daniel King's lucidly written account of the match (Kasparov v Deeper Blue, Batsford), for example:

"If a computer can beat the World Champion, a computer can read the best books in the world, can write the best plays and can know everything about history and literature and people." If Garry actually believed such

rubbish, it is no wonder be had dif-ficulty facing the silicon monster. Playing a decent game of chess is nowhere near as important a human accomplishment as my esteemed colleague claims. In fact, since Kasparov is an intelligent sort of chap, I suspect he knows this, hat may just have forgotten it in his eagerness to hype the clash.

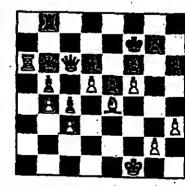
It has been widely reported that Garry is prepared to stake his title in a rematch. As the philosophy lecturer and former British Champion, George Botterill, suc-cinctly expressed it many years ago, this makes about as much sense as a weightlifter offering his title to a fork-lift truck - a point to be borne in mind hy those who consider chess to have been in some way demeaned by Deeper Blue's victory.

Yes, there are those who consider this match to be the death of chess. I suspect it is only the beginning of the end of the hattle 'man versus machine'. At this moment I believe there are still a handful of guys capable of win-

ning such a contest But whether I am right or wrong in my assumption is hardly relevant; sooner or later a computer will be able to beat anyone. Then these matches will cease to have interest and people will return, as they have for the last 1,500 years to playing chess against one another.

An important moment in Garry's demise was when he resigned the second game in the following

White: Deeper Blue Black: Kasparov New York, 1997 Black: (Kasparov) to play



White: (Deeper Blue)

Instead he should have continued with 45. ...Qe3. Then after the obvious 46. Qxd6 hlack should respond with 46. ... Res! This move is not too hard to see and would he found hy any strong player who had not mentally (or actually) resigned. Kasparov would certainly have discovered it when facing an animate opponent. The point is that white's king is too exposed. Black threatens to capture the hishop on e4 after which he can secure a draw. There are a nnmber of winning tries hut they all founder on the poor king posifollows, 47. Bf3 Qcl+ 48.Kf2 Qd2+ 49. Be2 Qf4+ 50. Kg1Qe3+51. Kh1 Qc1+52. Kh2 Qf4+ with a perpetual check.

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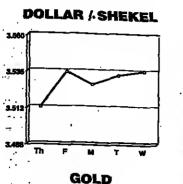
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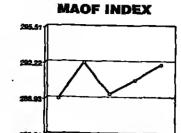
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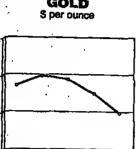
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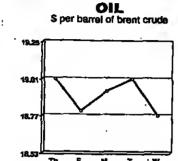
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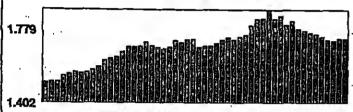












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LANNET separates from Madge

· Madge Networks N.V. announced yesterday that its Ethernet products division: the Tel Aviv based LANNET - has been relainfied as an autonomous subsidiary. The new company will be known as LANNET, the name used by the Ethernet division before its acquisition by Madge Networks in November 1995.

LANNET will be organized as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Madge Networks N.V., the parent company that also owns David Harris Madge Networks.

ICI to increase investments in Israel

"British chemicals company ICI has decided to increase its investments in Israel by tens of millions of dollars, according to company chiefs who met Industry and Trade Minister Natan

Sharansky yesterday.

Sharansky said the company wants to invest in chemicals, pharmaceuticals and medicine, as well as to cooperate with small companies as well as with large ones such as Teva.

Israel, EU hope to reach trade compromise

The trade battle between the European Union and Israel that. began four years ago with a dispute concerning orange juice could be resolved today, according to Israeli government sources. Talks began yesterday in Brussels, with the Israeli delega-tion led by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and Customs and VAT Director Motti Ayalon. The EU is object-

ing retroactively to alleged Israeli diluting of domestic orange juice with Brazilian oranges before exporting the produce to Europe and thus breaching the trade agreement between the twn parties. Israeli producers strongly deny the claim and have received widespread backing from civil ser-

Central bank Oct. integrated index falls 0.1%

The Bank of Israel index of integrated economic indicators fell 0.1 percent in October after a 0.2% rise the previous month, according to a statement from the central bank. The major contributants to the October index were: a 2.4% rise in the industrial production index, after a 1.5% decline in September; chain store sales fell some 2% after an 8.4% increase in September, and the imports index dropped 10.5% after a September rise of 8%. David Harris

Fiftieth anniversary telecards designed

Designs for five Bezeq telecards have been chosen to mark Israel's 50th anniversary. The five, each dedicated to a single decade, were designed by David Tartakower. The first shows the first premier, David Ben-Gurion at the declaration of statehood; the second Levi Eshkol and the capture of the Western Wall; the third Golda Meir and the Yom Kippur War, the fourth Menachem Begin and the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt; and the fifth Yitzhak Rabin and the peace accord with Jordan. In the background of the cards are illustrations of developments in communications technology for each decade. The designs will be displayed for the first time at the end of December, at a Telecard collectors' Judy Siegel convention to be held in Tel Aviv.

Zim receives last of its new ships

Zim Israel Navigation will today receive the last of the eight ships it recently ordered to operate on the company's tricontinent line. Zim China bas a capacity of 3,400 containers. Delivery of the new ship is the final stage in the company's strategic investment and logistics process.

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Koor reports 22% net increase

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reported yesterday that third-quarter net profit doubled to NIS 366 million from NIS 179m, in the same period a year agn. In the first nine months of the year, net profit plunged to NIS 250m. from NIS 497m. a year earlier.

In a statement, the power monopoly said that the fall in profits was a result of a second-quarter loss caused by a real term decrease in electricity prices and the sharp rise of the dollar. The company said that this led to higher financ-

ing expenses.

The improvement in the third quarter is explained by changes in foreign exchange rates and a results of cutting costs and lower inflation-adjusted wages.

The company reported a moderate rise in total income from the sale of electricity, which amounted to NIS 2.17 billion against NIS 2.14b. a year ago. In the first nine month, income rose slightly to NIS 5.9b. from NIS 5.7b. for the equivalent period in 1996.

Koor Industries, Israel's largest concern, reported yesterday that third-quarter net income rose 22.1% to \$38.3m. from \$31.3m. last year.

The company said that gains primarily came from increased revenues at its Makhteshim-Agan agrochemical subsidiary and the Tadiran telecommunications and electronics unit.

Net income for the three quar-

in the same period of 1996.

For the third quarter sales increased 2.7% to \$868m. compared with \$844.9m. for the same period of 1996. Koor revenues in the first nine months of 1997 were \$2.74b., a 3.1% increase from \$2.65b. last year.

Operating income in the third quarter Was \$66.4m. against \$54.9m. last year. In a statement,

Koor's president and chief executive officer Benjamin Gaon said that Koor's total export revenues increased by more than 26% during the last quarter. "We bave increased our con-

centration on our technology and export-oriented strategy. This approach enables Koor to focus with greater intensity on our globalization efforts," Gaon said. Meanwhile, Koor also announced yesterday that its board of directors approved an agreement to acquire Claridge Israel Group's stake in ECI Telecom for \$275m. Claridge will receive 12.9% of Koor's shares, which will enable it to raise its stake in the conglomerate to 35.4%.

Migdal Insurance Group, the country's largest insurance company, reported yesterday that thirdquarter net profit decreased to NIS 24.4m. from NIS 28.2m. in the

same period last year as a result of a decline in earnings from general

During the first nine months of the year net profit climbed 34% to NIS 133m. from NIS 88m. a year ago. In a statement, Migdal's CEO Uzi Levi said that in the third

quarter the company's earning from the sale of life insurance continued to grow while sales of general insurance suffered

from a sharp decrease in prices and an increase in damages from

car theft and burglary.

The Migdal Insurance Group consists of five insurance companies: Migdal, Hamagen, Shimshon, Maoz and Sela. It also owns insurance agencies and financial companies.

Leumi Insurance Holdings, Migdal's parent company, reported that third-quarter net profit rose to NIS 23.6m. from NIS 19.8m. In the first nine months of 1997 net profit surged to NIS 132.7m. from NIS 60.5m. in the corresponding period last year. The company attributed the rise to the positive results of the Migdal Group and to the fact that it increased its holding in the company to 100% from 60% a year ago as part of its sale in March to Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer.

Bank Tefahot said yesterday that third-quarter net profit rose 14.9% to NIS 49.3m. from 42.9m. a year ago. In the first nine months of the year net profit amounted to NIS 126m. compared with NIS 121.5m. during the equivalent

period in 1996. The operating income of Israel's largest mortgage bank rose in the last quarter to NIS 64.7m. from NIS 59.6m. a year ago. In the first nine months operating income totaled NIS 191.7m. versus NIS 1g3.2m. at the corresponding period in 1996.

In a statement, the bank said that its earnings from insurance activi-ties amounted to 20% of its total

The insurance supervisor said recently that be intends to forbid mortgage banks from selling insurance policies, a move which is expected to hit banks results.

Union Bank of Israel said yesterday that third-quarter net profit rose 8.5% to NIS 14.1m. from 13m, a year earlier. During the first nine months net profit climbed 12.7% to NIS 45.4m. from NIS 40.3m. in the same period of 1996.

The bank said that earnings from financing operations, before pro-vision for doubtful debts, remained almost unchanged at NIS 259.2m. compared with NIS 258.8m. during the same period

Bill seeks to increase NII income

By Globes news service

The income tax and VAT authorities will be required to transfer to the National Insurance Institute all their data on taxpayers' income, to increase National Insurance and health tax payments, according to

new plans from the Treasury.
In addition, all profits accruing to members of advanced study (Hishtalmut) funds will be liable for bealth and national insurance

These proposals are part of a new bill to be submitted soon to the Knesset. This week, the bill was sent for scrutiny to a number of leading figures, including the president of the Supreme Court, the attorney-general and the governor of the Bank of Israel.

In recent years, there has been a shortfall of NIS 2 billion annually in the collection of health and national insurance taxes.

In addition, as of next year, new Finance Ministry regulations will allow depositors in provident funds towithdraw their money only upon retirement.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman is expected to approve the new regulations next month. Implementation is contingent on approval by the Knesset Finance

Samsung plans major cutbacks

By JUDY LEE

SEOUL (Bloomberg) - South Koreans yesterday began to see what their president's request to "share the pain" really means as companies announced staff cuts and massive restructuring in the face of the slowest economic growth in nearly two decades.

Samsung - the second largest conglomerate in the world's 11th biggest economy - said it will shift about 30 percent of its 260,000 employees into new jobs, cut management salaries by 10% and slash 27% off 1998 investment. Halla Heavy Industries Co., the country's third-largest shipbuilder, said it will halve its work force to 3,000.

The moves came as research companies owned by some of South Korea's largest companies, including Samsung, predict unem-ployment could rise as bigh as 5% next year from 2.2% in 1997. The last time unemployment hit 5% was in 1986. That's particularly worrying in a country where a iob for life was seen as the norm and unlimited growth for the giant company groups known as "chaebol" was taken for granted.

That growth, though, was funded with huge loans from Korean banks and by mid-1997 - as countries across Asia were roiled by economic turmoil - it became apparent many of the chaebol were overextended. Indeed, seven of the nation's 40 biggest companies are bankrupt or have admitted they cannot pay their bills.

"Even large chaebol bave no choice now but to step back from their never-ending expansion drive because the source of their easy loans are crumbling," said Lee Doo Won, an economics pro-fessor at Yonsei University.

There will be a lot of chaos at the beginning of the painful restruc-

And Korea's government did not escape, either. After weeks of denying the extent of the country's ... troubles, the government announced Saurday it bad approached the IMF for \$20 billion in aid. Many, including the rating agency Standard and Poor's Corp., think that won't be enough to help Korea through the restructuring that's coming. Standard and Poor's cut Korea's long-term credit rating two notches yesterday and warned further downgrades may be in order.

The average Korean company has four times more debt than equity, a dangerous mix when credit becomes as tight as it is now. Korean interest rates hit a six-year high yesterday. A study by the country's central bank found 21 of the 39 top chaebol are refocusing investment on their core business, and 23 are cutting operating expenses.

The country's second-biggest union said Monday it is considering a "massive" strike in January to oppose conditions of the IMF

VisionTech claims affordable digital video compression chip

Disgraced German property tycoon Juergen Schneider kisses his wife Claudia in a Frankfurt courtroom yesterday. Schneider is on trial for falsifying rental contracts to get

loans from banks for his group, which failed under billions of marks of debt.

By JUDY SIEGEL

Courtroom buss for busted tycoon

Herzliya-based VisionTech has announced the development of the first chip of its kind for compression of digital video. The chip makes it possible to put a fulllength video film on a single computer disk or digital video disk. It is cheap enough to allow widespread home and commercial uses, the company said. VisionTech said the chip will

make it possible to watch high-qual-ity video films on a personal computer, it can also be included in still cameras or in video cameras to take high-quality films and store them.
"This is a real revolution,

because technologies up to now have been several times as expensive - which allowed video compression only for professionals using studio equipment," the company spokesman said.

The chip was developed in the

Herzliya labs with cooperation from the DML and CSK consortia in Japan. According to VisionTech, several major computer and camera manufacturers in the US and Japan are very inter-

ested in buying it.
VisionTech, which will market the product in Europe, the US and Israel, has set up commercial representation in Palm Beach, Florida. CSK and DML will sell it in Japan and the Far East.

US opposes Patents Law amendment

The US is still firmly opposed to the planned reform of the Israeli Patents Law, according to a statement issued by the American Embassy in Tel Aviv.

The statement followed reports in the media suggesting the US has no objections to the proposed amendment, under discussion in the

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ously said it is considering moving The existing law prevents domespart of its research and development operations overseas in order to tic companies from conducting research on drugs whose patents bypass the law. have not yet expired, giving US and Teva has the support of Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and Chief Scientist Orna European companies, which are not subject to such a law, a head start in developing generic drugs.

Teva, Israel's largest drug maker and a worldwide leader in the generic drug market, has been trying to change the patent law since it was passed in 1994. The company previ-

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A bond in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee from a major Israeli bank, for 5% of the total value of the bid, valid for 90 days, must be submitted with all bids.

Bids should be placed in the tender box at the Supply Department by 12 noon on January 6, 1998. Bids may not be sent by mail.

For more information, contact Eli Melamed, Tel. 03-623-0576. No undertaking is given is the complete of the

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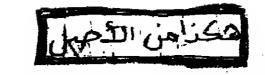
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Gold slumps to lowest since '85

Precious metals

Gold 'slumped to its lowest price since March 1985 amid growing expectations of further gold sales by European central banks. On Mooday, Bank of England Goveroor Eddie George said the planned European ceotral bank wouldn't hold large quantities of gold in its reserves as the precious metal has become one of the least liquid assets to

Gold for immediate delivery. dropped as much as \$4.40 an oance, or 1.5 percent, to a low of \$294,75 an ounce in London. It last traded \$2.35 lower at \$297.50

Oil

January Brent crude oil prices fell, undermined by perceptions the US doesn't need much crude at present after an industry report showed an unexpected rise in crude oil supplies there. In addition, analysts expected the meeting of Organization of Petroleum **Exporting Countries which started** in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday to propose an increase to the group's output quota, possibly by as much as g percent.

The rise in US supplies comes after refiners put more crude into their plants and as imports of crude fell. January Brent crude oil traded 33 cents lower at \$18.76 a barrel.

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Others

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Copper rose. A strike halted production at Europe's largest copper mine, offsetting expecta-

tions of weakening demand for the metal in Asia. Prices in New York fell to almost a four-year low Tuesday as the economic slowdown in Japan, South Korea and southeast Asia led analysts and traders to reduce projections for global copper demand. A strike at the Neves Corvo copper mine in Portugal, with annual production of about 112,000 metric tons, continued for a second

The LME's benchmark threemonth copper cootract rose \$14

to \$1,887 a metric ton. Lead was little changed yesterday after slumping to almost a 3 1/2-year low on Tuesday amid sluggish demand at a time of year when coosumption normally

peaks. Lead demand typically increases ahead of the northern hemisphere winter when battery manufacturers increase the production of replacement batteries which can fail in extreme temperamres. Mild temperatures in the US and Europe are depressing that demand with the result that London Metal Exchange inventories are oot falling as much as expected. The three-month lead forward contract oo the LME rose \$1 to \$552 a metric ton.

Coffee rose. Demand for lowergrade robusta beans cootinues to increase ahead of the peak cold weather season. Coffee consumptioo tends to increase during the Northern Heousphere winter.

(Blonmberg)

TASE gains boosted by earnings reports

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks rose yesterday, boosted by better-than-expected quarterly corporate earnings reports and following rises on Wall Street on Tuesday and in Asia and Europe yesterday.

Rising sbares iocluded First International Bank of Israel Ltd., which rose 2.25 percent after announcing third-quarter oet income rose 19%. Other banks rose, with Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi Le-Israel BM both gaining 0.75%.

"Earnings reports bave beengood; without nervousness in rebound in Asian markets. world markets, we would have seen the market going up in recent days," said Zvi Hoffman, manager of mutual funds at . FTSE 100 Index rose 27.7 points, Meitav Ltd., a Tel Aviv invest-

The Mishtanim Index rose 0.47% to 282.33; the Maof Index : fell. of 25 issues also rose 0.47% to-291.97; and the Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index rose 0.72% to 95,15.

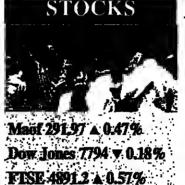
"The market is very heavily influenced by the world market," said Keith Phillips, an analyst at Societe General Strauss Tumbull in London.

Osem Investments Ltd., Israel's biggest food manufacturer, was an exception to the reports of rising corporate profits. Osem sank 3.75% after reporting third-quarter net income dropped 34% because of expenses tied to its ice cream business.

Europe

UK stocks rose following a quelling some of the concern that has swept markets worldwide in receot weeks. The beochmark or 0.57%, to 4891.2, having earlier risen as high as 4907.3. Gains were pared after US stocks

"Japan is starting the slow process of recovery," said John Shelley, a fund manager at Aberdeen Asset Management in



Nikkei 16045.55 ▲ 1.12% Aberdeen, which has approximately £5 invested in the UK market. "Obviously there are storm clouds out there, but I still

In the UK oil stocks were the leading decliners with British Petroletum Plc down 38,5p at 808 and Shell Transport & Trading

like Asian opportunities long-

Asia

Japanese stocks rose as investors sought refuge from the nation's financial system troubles in top exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp. Fueling the market's rise was news that the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will call for use of money from the government's general account to guarantee bank loans through the Deposit Insurance Corp. Banks and brokerages, reeling from the closure Monday of Yamaichi Securities Co. and that of a small

regional bank yesterday, fell.
"Investors are sticking to the blue chips; safe, quality companies, independent of the banking system and likely to benefit from a cheap yen," said Koji Sakuratani, director of Asahi Life Investment Management Co., which handles 600b. yen (\$4.7b.) in assets.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 178.02 points, or 1.12%, to 16,045.55.

Wall Street

Blue-chip issues struggled, but stocks were mostly higher yesterday in quiet pre-holiday trading, bolstered by some encouraging economic news and a calm day on

Asian markets. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 14.17 points to 7,794.78 after surrendering an

early 37-point gain. But broad-market indicators edged high as trading slowed. The stock market is closed today for Thanksgiving Day and there will be an abbreviated session tomor-

A weak session for two popular consumer names, Procter and Gamble and Coca-Cola, offset another strong showing from IBM, which rose to an all-time high. Wall Street started the day

strong after share prices rose 1.1 percent in Tokyo as the government hinted toward a rescue for Japan's struggling financial sys-

Mark declines to four-week low

The dollar rose to a four-week-e expectations that German rates are high against the mark as economic reports showed the US economy is on healthy footing, and on expectations that Germany won't soon raise interest rates; keeping the

mark's allure muted Government reports yesterday showed the US economy is growing, while inflation remains subdued, a climate likely to draw investors to US assets and the dollars needed to pay for them.

Meanwhile, recent German economic reports and comments by Bundesbank officials fueled on hold for now.

There have been quite bullish figures out of the US and quite bearish figures out of Germany." said J.P. Neergaard, manager of foreign exchange at Den Danske Bank. "There's still a healthy interest rate differential supporting the dollar." The dollar rose to 1.7584 marks

from 1.7490 marks Tuesday. The US currency rose as high as 1.7632 marks, its highest since October 27, when it reached 1.7738 marks. The dollar was little changed at



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The dollar could rise as high as 1.80 marks by the end of the year, Neergaard said. The US gross domestic product expanded at a 3.3 percent annual rate in the third quarter, down from an original estimate of 3.5 percent, according to the Commerce Department. A separate report showed first-time jobless claims fell last week, suggesting unemployment remains low.

The dollar was little changed against the yen oo concern that the government might soon adopt a ucts.

plan to bail out Japan's ailing banks. "It's inevitable that Japan will come up with something in the next couple of weeks," said Chris Iggo, senior economist at BZW Securities, Inc.

A bank aid program is negative

for the dollar because it could restore some of the confidence in Japanese assets that was lost in the past month as four of the country's financial institutions went under and amid concern that economic malaise in other parts of Asia will crimp demand for Japanese prod-

US bonds little changed after economic reports

US bonds were little changed after reports showing slower-thanexpected third-quarter economic growth and a drop in jobless claims reinforced expectations for steady growth with little inflation.

What you have is basically the best of all worlds - a strong econ-omy with no inflation," said George Adell, trader at Philadelphia-based Starboard Capital Markets

The benchmark 30-year bond fell -1/8, or \$1.25 per \$1,000 bond, to 100 25/32, pushing its yield up 1 basis point to 6.07%. Two-year note yields were steady at 5.70%. The Commerce Department said

yesterday that the gross domestic product, or GDP, expanded at a 3.3% annual pace in the third quarter, down from its original estimate of 3.5%. The government also said the GDP price deflator, a measure of inflation, rose at a 1.5% annual pace in the quarter, up from 1.4% originally and a sign prices aren't rising 100 quickly.

A separate report showed first-time jobless claims fell 31,000 last week, suggesting the jobs market remains strong. This tells us that labor markets remain very tight," said Dan Seto, an economist at Nikko Securities Co. International. Now traders are looking ahead to



reports on durable goods orders and Chicago-area manufacturing at 10 a.m. Eastern time. Bonds earlier fell amid concern Japanese banks may sell Treasuries to shore up

their balance sheets. overnight trade was well advertised as being [the] selling out of Southeastern Asia," said John Spinello, head government bond trader at Merrill Lynch Government Securities Inc.

Bonds have been buffeted this week as the failure of Yamaichi Securities Co. heightened concern about sales of Treasuries by Japanese companies or the Japanese government.

The governing Liberal Democratic Party, reversing policy, Liberal said yesterday it will propose the Bank of Japan lend up to 1 trillion yen to the insurance fund for

depositors if the fund goes into the red. That has revived speculation that Japanese institutions could sell Treasuries to fund this or other bailout plans. Japanese investors are the biggest non-US holders of Treasuries, with a record \$321.2 billion at the end of August, according to the Treasury Department.

Still, many analysts remain skeptical that Japanese investors would sell Treasuries because they yield so much more than Japanese bonds. At today's yield of 5.86%, US 10-year notes yield 391 basis points more than the 1.95% yield on the No. 197 10-year Japanese (Bloomberg) bond

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They are either pushing for stronger action against Hizbullah and Amal fighters to wipe out the guerrillas once and for all, or to withdraw unilaterally.

OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Mosbe Ya'alon earlier this week called those who advocated a unilateral pullback "charlatans." He warned that Arabs would learn a lesson thai Israel was weak and divided and could be

forced to capitulate through resis-

The IDF Spokesman released a statement last night saying that the general staff has recently held an assessment on the Lebanoo ques-

"Various opinions and ideas were raised in the meeting," the statement said, adding that Sbahak had concluded that the IDF position to remain in the security zone was "beneficial and answered the mission of protecting the northern communities."

The statement said that changes in tactics were approved. The conclusions were presented to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and be accepted them, the army said. Mordechai's reaction to Levine's comments could not be

last month.

immediately obtained last night. But addressing the Knesset pleoom earlier yesterday, Mordechai said that his office has reassessed the situatioo in Lebanon three times during his term, the most recent time being

Each time the conclusion was the same: remaining in the security zone is the best option. The main fear is that Hizbullah

would follow the IDF into northem Israel if the army were to with-

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Meanwhile, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who openly declared his rebellion against Netanyahu, is getting ready to launch his new centrist party. His allies, businessman Ron Pe'er

and attorney Ya'acov Lerrer, plan to register their new party soon, perhaps as early as next week. Its name will be Atid (future)

and the platform to be suboutted will be very general, speaking of democracy and equality, Zionist values and Jewish-Arab coopera-

tion.

Milo will not be immediately associated with this venture. His colleagues will register a party and

it will function as his springboard. Milo has been telling those close to him that he has all but given up on the likelihood of a viable rebellion against Netanyahu from within the Likud ranks. Earlier this month he made beadlines by announcing a scheme to wrest the Likud leadership from Netanyahu and leave him virtually ontside the Likud framework.

The consensus in the Likud ia that for the time being this plot has

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Ryder Cup shot wins award for Monty

LONDON (Reuter) - Colin Montgomerie's final tee shot in the Ryder Cup at Valderrama in September has earned him the European Tour's Shot of the Year award for the second successive year. Montgomerie struck his three-wood tee shot at the 18th hole of his singles against Scott Hoch over the trees on to the middle of a sloping fairway as he won the hole and his match to ensured Europe outright victory as they retained the Cup.

"It is the best tee shot I have ever struck in my life," Montgomerie said. "I always use a three wood at that hole. The idea is to hit it high over the trees and land it soft. I managed that and also got the length I was looking for as the ball travelled 280 yards." Montgomerie, Europe's top player for five successive years, also won the 1996 award for his second shot over a lake at the parfive final bole of the Emirates Course in Dubai during the Desert Classic, which ensured he won that title.

Collated UEFA Cup third round, first leg results

In Enschede: Twente Enschede (Netherlands) 0 Auxerre (France) 1 Scorer: Bernard Diomede 70 Halftime: 0-0; Attendance: 10,000. In Karlsruhe: Karlsruhe SC (Germany) 0 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 0 Att. 12,000.

In Bucharest: Steama Bucharest (Romania) 2 Aston Villa (England) 1 Scorers: Steaua — Michael Oakes 30og, Cristian Ciocoiu 32 Aston Villa — Dwight Yorke 54 Halftime: 2-0; Att: 22,000.

In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 0 Lazio (Italy) 2 Scorers: Pierluigi Casirachi 38, Roberto Mancini 62 Red Cards: Oliver Freund (Rapid Vienna) 57 Roberto Mancini (Lazio) 63 Halftime: 0-1; Att: 30,000. In Zagreb: Croatia Zagreb (Croatia) 1 Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1 Scorers: Croatia — Edin Mujcin 2 Atletico — Jose Luis Caminero 61 Halfrime: 1-0; Att. 40,000.

In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 4 Vfl Bochum (Germany) 2 Scorers: Ajax — Michael Laudrup 34, 36, Shota Arveladze 38, Frank de Boer 45 VFL Bochum — Thomas Reis 20, Tomasz Waldoch 24 Halftime: 4-2; Att: 51,000.

In Strasbourg: Strasbourg (France) 2 Inter Milan (Italy) 0 Scorers. Gerald Baticle 11, Valerien Ismael 19 Halftime: 2-0; Attendance: 25,000. In Braga: Braga (Portugal) 0 Schalke 04 (Germany) 0 Att: 22,000.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLISH SOCCER - Results of first round replays in the English FA Cup on Tuesday: Basingstoke 2, Wycombe 2 after extra time (90 minutes 2-2. Busingstoke won 5-4 on penalties). Burnley 0, Rotherham 3, Cambridge 3, Plymouth 2 after extra time (90 minutes 2-2). Cardiff 3, Slough 2 after extra time 190 minutes 2-2). Colchester 0,

Brentford 0 after extra time (Colchester won 4-2 on penalties). Emicy 3, Morecambe 3 after extra time (90 minutes 1-1. Emicy won 3-1 on penalties). Gainsborough 2, Lincoln City 3; Gillingbam 0, Bristol Rovers 2; Grimsby 4, Shrewsbury 0; Leyton Orient 0, Hendoe 1; Mansfield 0, Oldham 1; Northampton 2, Reefer 1

Heat hand Lakers first loss of season 103-86

Lakers finally lost their first game of the season Tuesday night as Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn led a second-half surge that carried the Miami Heat to 8

103-86 victory. The Lakers, playing without center Shaquille O'Neal, had their season-opening win streak snapped at 11 games, four short of the best start in league history.

Mashburn and Hardaway scored 22 points each and Isaac Austin had 19 points and nine rebounds for Miami.

Nick Van Exel finished with 21 points to pace Los Angeles. Spurs 102, Mavericks 91

In Dallas, David Robinson had 22 points and 11 rebounds, Sean Elliott added 19 points and San Antonio withstood a second-half rally to hand Dallas its 10th straight defeat.

Cory Alexander added 17 points and Tim Duncan had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, who had lost four of their previous five.

Michael Finley scored 20 points. Shawn Bradley had 16 and Dennis

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MIAMI (AP) - The Los Angeles Scott 15 for the Mavericks, who and 15 rebounds from Anthony are winless since a 3-0 start. Mason.

Hornets 90, Pistons 85 In Charlotte, North Carolina, the

SPORTS

smallest crowd at Charlotte Coliseum in nearly nine years saw Glen Rice capitalize on early foul trouble by Grant Hill and send the Homets over DetroiL

Rice had 21 points to help Charlotte improve its best-ever start to 9-3. The Homets, winning their fifth in a row overall and their sixth straight at home, also got 17 points from Matt Geiger EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Brian Williams had 27 points and 10 rebounds as Detroit lost for the 10th time in 12 games.

SuperSonics 91, Bulls 90 In Seattle, Vin Baker made a 17foot baseline jumper over 7-footer Luc Longley with three seconds left to give Seattle the narrow 91-90 victory.

Gary Payton led the Sonics with 22 and Baker added 19. Toni Kukoc had a season-high

30 points and Michael Jordan

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Iran pray for historic win

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Nets 101, Warriors 87

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Kings 97, Nuggets 93

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time in its last five games.

MELBOURNE (Reuter) --Travel-weary Iran yesterday declared themselves underdogs for Saturday's play-off against Australia for the final World Cup In Oakland, California, Kerry berth, despite the return of top Kittles and Sam Cassell scored 18 midfielder Karim Bagheri.

Exhausted

points apiece as New Jersey kept The Iranian team, met in Melbourne by a heatwave and a Kendall Gill added 16, Chris small band of expatriate Iranians, Gailing 14 and Jayson Williams failed to turn up to a state recep-12 for the Nets, who swept the tion after their arrival, citing season series State and improved exhaustion after skirting the globe to 8-4, the best record to start a for more than 40 hours.

Representing them, team manager Ali Mandussifar said the In Sacramento, California, home team would have the edge Corliss Williamson scored four of on Saturday night, having surhis season-high 24 points in the vived the first play-off with a 1-i final nine seconds to lift draw in Teheran and looking to Sacramento over winless Denver. play before a huge crowd at the The Nuggets, who overcame a 16-point deficit in the third quar-Melbourne Cricket Ground.

They have their crowd here so that's understandable. For the first time Australia would like to go to the World Cup with their whole nation behind them," Mandussifar said. Australian soccer officials hope

with 3:50 to go in the third quarter before the Nuggets rallied behind 7-foot-4, 325-pound Priest 90,000 people will pack the country's premier sports venue for the match, Lauderdale. The seldom-used Lauderdale scored a career-high which will decide the final qualifier for the World Cup in France. 12 points in the first six minutes of the fourth quarter to pull Denver into an 83-83 tie. Australia's Socceroos, coached

by former England manager Terry Venables, are aiming for their second appearance in the World Cup finals. They qualified for the 1974 finals after beating fram in the play-offs.

Iran's only previous appearance in the finals was in 1978.

Mandussifar dismissed any suggestion of ill feeling towards Australia, saying the team's failure to attend the state reception had nothing to do with a recent war of words off the field.

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solo violin op 115 (Shaham); Debussy: L'après midi d'un faune, chamber ver sion; R. Strauss: 4 Songs 16:00 New CDs Buxtenude: vocal music: Schubert: Trio in E flat for piano, violin and cello op 100 (Ashkenazy, Zukerman, Harrell); Beethoven: Folk

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Swedes pin **Davis Cup** hopes on Bjorkman

GOTHENBURG (AP) - At the start of the year, Jonas Bjorkman was ranked No. 69 in the world, a respected doubles player with no singles title to his name.

Eleven months later, the Swedish hopes of upsetting the US in the Davis Cup final rest on Bjorkman, who has soared to No. 4 in the

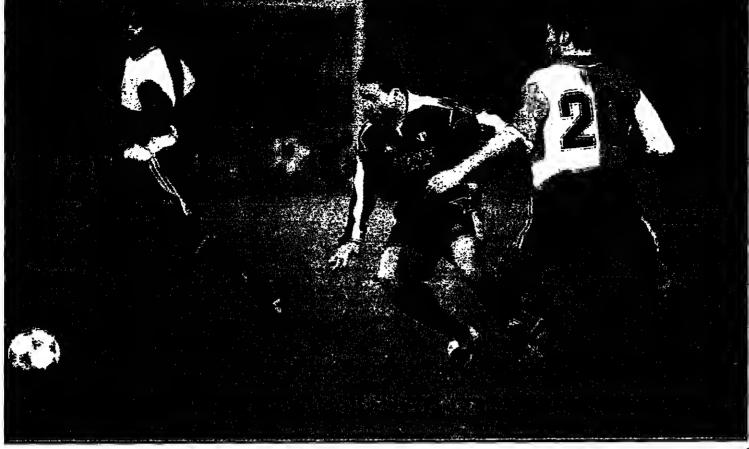
The draw for the tie will be made today, with the opening singles tomorrow, the doubles on Saturday and the reverse singles on Sunday. The Swedish team got a boost yesterday when Nicklas Kulti, who

could play the doubles, was passed

Sweden, runners-up to France last year, are playing their 11th Davis Cup final and have won five times. The US, on the other hand, are appearing in their 59th final and have won the coveted title 31 times. The Americans lead the Swedes 7-2

in Davis Cup play, but both defeats came in Gothenburg. The Americans are favored this time too. With Pete Sampras No. 1 in the world and Michael Chang No. 3, the rankings speak for the Americans. While Bjorkman is No.

4, Magnus Larsson, expected to be the second singles player, is No. 25. Bjorkman will probably bave to win both singles and perhaps earn another in doubles for Sweden to pull off an upset. But he is 1-7 against Sampras in career matches. ...Competing the American team are Todd Martin and Jonathan Stark, while the fourth member of the Swedish team is Thomas



Feynoord's Henk Vos (No. 20) tries to stop Juve's Alessandro Birindelli during their match in Rotterdam as Feynoord's Giovanni van Bronckhorst eyes the opposition.

Feynoord's Cruz sinks Juve 2-0

ROTTERDAM (Reuters) -Argentinian striker Julio Cruz scored two second half goals as Feyenoord sank Juventus 2-0 in their European Champions League group B match last night.

The result means that group leaders Manchester United need only to draw against Kosice at bome tomight to ensure their place in the

After a goalless first half in which the Dutch team, frustrated Juventus' build-up with some resolute defending. Criz opened the score in the 66th minute with a powerful shot from just inside the box.

Two minutes from time Cruz made sure of the points when he wresteled through the Italian defence to beat goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi from close range.

The win avenged Feyenoord's 5defeat to Juventus in the opening Champions League match in September and continued their improvement under new coach Lee

Besiktas 0, Bayern Munich 2 In Istanbul, Bayern Munich raised their hopes for a berth in the quarterfinals by beating Turkey's Besiktas 2-0. The victory kept Bayern Munich

on top of Group E with 12 points. Besiktas have six. Bayern scored an early goal in the fifth minute when Carsten Jancker, receiving a long overhead pass from Michael Tamat, headed the

ball into the net. In the 31th minute, Thomas Helmer scored his team's second goal with a header, again after receiving a pass from Tarnat.

The match was played under floodlights before 30,000 Turks and 500 Germans at the Inonu sta-

IFK Gothenburg 0, PSG 1 In Gothenhurg, Eric Rabesandratana struck three min-

utes from time to give 10-man Paris St Germain a 1-0 victory over IFK Gothenhurg and keep alive their hopes of a quarter-final place. The midfielder headed home a cross from Franck Gava to win a match dominated by the Swedes.

PSG's Jimmy Algerino was sent

off 12 minutes from time hut the Frenchmen rallied to claim the win that takes them to nine points. Barcelona 1, Newcastle 0

In Barcelona, a superb lobbed goal from Brazilian midfielder Giovanni provided the highlight of Barcelona's largely lackluster 1-0 victory over Newcastle United.

With Barcelona already out of contention, a mere 25,000 fans turned up for the group C clash. The effectively ended Newcastle's hopes of qualifying for the knockout stage and provided the Spaniards with their first victory in the group.

Monaco 3, Sporting Lisbon 2 In Monaco, an injury time goal from Thierry Henry helped Monaco bounce back from a poor start to beat Sporting Lisbon 3-2 in their group F clash. Sporting, who beat Monaco 3-0

in Portugal in their group match in September, seemed to be heading. towards another victory with two first-half goals from striker Luis Miguel and captain Oceano.

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But the French champions drew initial shot hit the bar.

level with goals from their striking pair David Trezeguet and Henry in the 65th and 75th minutes respec-

Monaco retained the top spot in the group but they are level on 12 points with second-placed Bayer Leverkusen of Germany. Lierse 0, Bayer Leverkusen 2

tively before Henry scored the late

In Brussels, Bayer Leverkusen, scored twice in the second half to beat Belgium's Lierse 2-0 away and stay on course for a quarter-final

The Germans survived the last 20 minutes with 10 men after captain Markus Happe was sent off.

Monaco clung on to top spot in group F ahead of Leverkusen on goal difference.

There was little drama in Brussels until Brazilian Emerson cut in between two defenders to hammer the ball past veteran Belgian goalkeeper Philippe Vande Walle in the Ulf Kirsten netted the second 12

minutes later, following up after his loan to Italian second division

team, but the memhers of injury put his career in jeopardy. Israel's National basketball team What delighted the almost could sleep soundly last night capacity crowd of some 8,000 after the dreamy performance was the passing and self-sacrifice that resulted in some beautiful fast hreaks. Israel's running

club Caserta, also got into the act, hoisting up a three-pointer that marked his return to the

national team since a knee

they put on in routing Belarus 95-64 at Yad Eliahu in the group C opener of the European Championships preliminary game never looked as good as it did last night, and while it was, admittedly, against poor opposi-tion, it hodes extremely well for While the second half of the game may have been sleep inducing, after Israel racked up a huge 51-27 halftime lead, it's the future. Katzurin, anxious to get everyone into the act, made sure the

been a while since our national team has had a laugher, and a while since it displaced such whole bench also saw action. When Oded Katash was forced to the sidelines in the second selfless team play.
From the tip-off, every player half with a brief recurrence of a nagging foot injury, Israel hardly missed him, as Goodes, Katz on the team gave their all, play-

ing suffocating defense or findand Lior Arditi filled the gap. ing the open man repeatedly on A three-pointer hy Goodes, offense, hoth a tribute to new who scored 12 points and had national team coach Muli four assists, with just over 10 minutes to play, gave Israel a 30-point lead it barely relin-Katzurin showed what he must

have been doing during his long quished along the way. Uri vacation from the courts as he Cohen-Mintz had a three-pointshuffled players with aplomh er, as did Arditi just before the buzzer, giving Israel 10 treys on and seemed to have inspired his charges with his own team-first the night. Katzurin and his assistant, Tomer Steinhauer got Israel David Blatt, couldn't have asked off to a roaring start, scoring the hosts' first nine points as Israel opened a quick 12-5 lead. Then

for a better way to start their reign at the helm of the national team, and last night's performance should go far towards hoosting Israel's hopes of beating Ukraine on Saturday night. Something the strong Spanish squad, the seeded team in group C, accomplished last night 83-

Next Wednesday night, Israel travels to Denmark, who lost to visitors England 72-64 last

night.
It may still too early for Katzurin and bis charges to enroll for French lessons prior to the European Championships in 1999, hnt after last night's convincing win. Katzurin may want to take his players to dipper at a good French restaurant to whet their appetite for even better

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION MUST ALSO HONOR AGREEMENTS

On January 15, 1997 Former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher assured Prime Minister Netanyahu:

"I have impressed upon Chairman Arafat the imperative need for the Palestinian Authority to make every effort to ensure public order and internal security within the West Bank and Gaza Strip. I have stressed to him that effectively carrying out this major responsibility will be a critical foundation for completing implementation of the Interim Agreement, as well as the peace process as a whole."

In Addition U.S Mideast envoy Dennis Ross endorsed the commitments that Arafat promised to honor:

1. To complete the process of amending the Palestinian National Covenant.

2. To fight terror and prevent violence.

3. To strengthen cooperation in security issues. 4. To fight terror organizations in a systematic and efficient manner.

5. To capture and try terrorists.

6. To extradite terrorists in accord with the Oslo Agreements.

7. To confiscate illegal weapons.

8. To reduce the size of the Palestinian police as set forth in the Oslo Agreements.

9. To close the offices of the Palestinian Authority in Jerusalem.

The Israeli government in its approval of the Hebron Agreement stated: "The main condition for the continuation of the Oslo Agreement is mutual compliance."

Arafat and the Palestinian Authority have not complied with these U.S. guarantees:

They have not completed the amendment of the Palestinian National Covenant

They have not fought terror and prevented violence
They have not prevented incitement and hostile propoganda
They have not fought terror organizations in a systematic and efficient manner
They have not captured or tried terrorists
They have not extradited terrorists in accords with the Oslo Accord

They have not confiscated illegal weapons
They have not reduced the size of the Palestinian Police as agreed in Oslo
They have not closed the offices of the Palestinian Authority in Jerusalem

Even those committed to continuing with Oslo, must realize that the Agreements can not proceed until the United States Government insists on compliance from the Palestinian Authority rather than bullying Israel into accepting non-compliance.

Yesha Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza

Pippen still eyeing Chicago exit

it was Nadav Henefeld's turn to

seemed to flourish playing team

ball, ending up with 12 points and five of Israel's 25 assists.

The under-manned Belarus

squad, which bad several key

players miss the game while playing college ball in the US,

relied solely on Alexei Pintikov

(20 points) and Andrei Klemez,

but could do little to stop the

Israeli juggernant.
Doron Sheffer, who led Israel

with 18 points, repeatedly took his defender inside to score easy

hoops and had 12 in the first-

half - Amir-Katz came off the

beach to pop two three-pointers

in the half and Guy Goodes, on

The Maccahi Tel Aviv forward

SEATTLE (Reuters) -- Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson said Scottie Pippen was just joking when he demanded a trade, but two days later, the seven-time All-

Star still wasn't laughing.

Asked Tuesday in Seattle if he thought he would ever play for the defending NBA champions again, the injured forward said gravely: "I don't think so." Pippen added: I'd rather leave things as I can remember them as a

player here, and go on." Pippen said he still had "a lot of respect" for his teammates and the fans in Chicago. "But I have to look out for myself," he said. "I just feel I've been treated unfairly." On Sunday, Pippen – who is sidelined until mid-December with an injured left foot – told a Chicago area newspaper, the Arlington Heights Daily Herald, that he "ain't coming back" and demanded a trade to either the

Phoenix Suns or the Los Angeles Lakers. He called Bulls general manager Jerry Krause a "chicken" and said Krause threatened to fine him if he played in his own charity game in September.

At Monday's practice in Seattle, Pippen refused to elaborate except to say that he is not physically ready to

Jackson said Monday he was not convinced Pippen "I think be's just joking the press," said Jackson, who is almost certainly in his final year as coach of the Bulls.

"I think he's having fun, throwing out a barb."

Pippen is in the final year of a contract that pays him

\$2.775 million this season, a relatively paltry amount for

one of the league's top players. He is expected to command a multi-year contract averaging \$10 million to \$15 million per season in the free

agent market. If Krause does not deal him by the February 19 trading

deadline, he risks getting nothing for him.

The 32-year-old Pippen has not played this season. He was injured in last season's Eastern Conference semifinals and had surgery in October. His projected return was anywhere from mid-December to early January, and he cannot be traded until deemed healthy.

Pippen took part in the first half of Monday's practice until his foot became sore.

Pippen averaged 20.2 points, 6.2 rebounds and 5.7 assists per game last season, helping the Bulls win their fifth title in seven years.

Krause has dangled Pippen as trade bait several times. While Krause spent nearly \$38 million to keep fellow superstars Jordan and Dennis Rodman for another season, he tried to deal Pippen to the Boston Celtics on draft day. In 1995, he tried to trade Pippen to the Seattle SuperSonics for Shawn Kernp.
Without Pippen, the Bulls have struggled to an 8-6

mark following Tuesday night's 91-90 loss to Seattle. Last season, Chicago did not lose its fifth game until January 21.

A member of the 1992 and 1996 Olympic gold medal teams, Pippen last year was voted one of the NBA's 50 greatest players of all time. He has been named to the NBA all-defensive first team for the last six years.

Messier returns to New York, helps Canucks beat Rangers NEW YORK (AP) - Mark on Saturday, were averaging just 1.9

Messier made a triumphant return to New York as the Vancouver Canucks beat the Rangers 4-2 Tuesday night in an emotion-filled night at Madison Square Garden. Messier scored the Canucks' sec-

ond goal of the game on a classic breakaway that Ranger fans had seen many times over the last six years when he played in New York. The goal stood as the game-winner until Tim Sweeney scored for New York with three seconds left.

It was a gigantic love-in for Messier from start to finish, as fans cheered his first appearance on the ice for warmups and then his recognition as the game's first star at the end of the game.

It was Messier's first return to Madison Square Garden since leaving the Rangers this past summer to sign as a free agent with the Canucks. David Scatchard, Pavel Bure and

Mike Sillinger scored the other goals for Vancouver, which is 3-1-1 since former Rangers coach Mike Keenan took over behind the bench. Leafs 3, Sharks 1 In Toronto, the Maple Leafs, the

lowest-scoring team in the NHL, broke out for three goals to defeat

The Leafs, shut out 2-0 by Phoenix

goals a game before the win.

Igor Korolev, Derek King and Alyn McCauley scored for the Leafs. Jarrod Skalde ruined Felix Potvin's bid for a shutout with less

than two minutes to play.

Blackhawks 2, Oilers 2 In Edmonton, Alberta, Eric Daze's goal at 18:45 of the second period earned Chicago the tie.

Streaking out of his own end, Daze was left alone as he raced into the Oilers zone and registered his seventh goal of the year, tipping in a perfect pass from Sergei Krivokrasov just as a Blackhawks' power play expired.

Jeff Shantz had the other goal for

Chicago, playing the fourth game of EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Tuesday's games: Vancouver 4, NY Rangers 2; Torento 3, San Jose 1; Phoenix 3, St. Louis 2; Chicago 2, Edmonton 2, tie.

a five-game road trip that has netted

the club five points. Ryan Smyth and Rem Murray scored for Edmonton, which was looking for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Coyotoes 3, Blues 2 In Phoenix, both Bob Corkum and Teppo Numminen had a goal and an assist, and Nikolai Khabibulin made 26 saves Phoenix won for the fourth time in five games.

Rick Tocchet also scored for the Coyotes, who won for the seventh time in their last nine home games. Darren Turcotte and Steve Duchesne scored for the Blues, who dropped their third straight game. They have totaled just four goals in

their last four games. WESTERN CONFERENCE

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